1971

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LOCAL EMERGENCY NUMBERS

FIRE DEPARTMENT

To report a fire 323-7500
For other purposes...................................323-7571
or 323-6933

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergency calls only.................................323-6655
For other purposes...................................323-6685

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Doctors' request only................................323-6685

CIVIL DEFENSE..323-6939

DEPARTMENT	CALL	TELEPHONE
Accountant	Town Accountant	323-7251
Assessors	Assessors	323-7541
Birth, Death, Marriage Certificates	Town Clerk	323-6901
Board of Health	Chairman	323-7680
Building Permits	Building Inspector	323-7733
Charities and Relief	Welfare Department	534-7652
Council on Aging	Council on Aging	323-5196
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk	323-6901
Dog Complaints	Dog Officer	323-7495
Engineering	Engineering Aide	323-7751
Fishing & Hunting Licenses	Town Clerk	323-6901
Forest Warden	Fire Chief	323-7251
Highways	Superintendent	323-7751
Library	Clapp Memorial Library	323-6224
Parks, Beach, & Recreation	Old Town Hall	323-5560
Planning Board	Planning Board	323-6939
Plumbing	Plumbing Inspector	323-7600
Schools - Elementary	Main Number	323-7581
Schools - High School	Main Number	323-6941
Selective Service System	135 Main Street, Northampton	584-4322
Selectmen	Board of Selectmen	323-7251
Sewer	Sewer Commissioner	323-6952
Superintendent of Schools	Clapp Memorial Library	323-6340
Taxes	Town Collector	323-6901
Treasurer	Town Treasurer	323-6901
Trees	Tree Warden	283-9066
Veterans' Services	Veterans' Agent	323-7191
Water	Pumping Station	323-6987
Wiring	Wiring Inspector	323-4016
Zoning Enforcement	Zoning Enforcement Officer	323-7751

TOWN DUMP HOURS: Winter......................9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Summer......................9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays only.

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BELCHERTOWN

Yet to come:

Selectmen
Hwy
✓ ~~Bd. of Health~~ — MON. A.M.
Police Dept —
Veteran's agent —
✓ ~~Schools~~
✓ ~~agent-Sanitarian~~
Cemetery —
Planning Bd. —

Annual Report of the

Town of Belchertown

Year ending December 31, 1970

In Memoriam

Sidney W. Wheeler
July 31, 1894—January 27, 1971

Mr. Wheeler spent his early years in Athol, later living in New York City, and for more than 25 years he made his home in Haworth, New Jersey. He came to Belchertown in 1946.

In Belchertown he has served as Chairman of the Town Finance Committee and as Veterans' Agent. At the time of his death, he was Chairman of the Planning Board and represented the town on the Hampshire Community Action Commission, of which he was a former chairman.

He was an active member of the American Legion for more than 50 years, and joined Post No. 239 in Belchertown in 1946. He served his country in the American Expeditionary Forces and the Army of Occupation in World War I; in the Army Service of Supply and in General MacArthur's Headquarters in Japan in World War II.

Town Officers 1970

Elected Officers

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Moderator	
Charles W. Jackson		1971
	Town Clerk	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		1971
	Board of Selectmen	
William Gerry Whitlock		1971
Michael S. Mathras		1971
Mrs. Eleanor L. Schmidt		1972
Arthur J. Moriarty		1973
William H. Squires, Jr.		1973
Herbert E. Squires		Resigned
	Treasurer	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		1973
	Tax & Town Collector	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		1971
	School Committee	
Richard D. Pratt		1971
Mrs. Dorothy A. Rhodes		1972
~~Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.~~ George Smith, Jr		1972
William M. Russell		1973
~~David A. Staples~~		Resigned
	Planning Board ✓	
~~Sidney W. Wheeler~~		Deceased
Donald S. Cole		1972
George H. Foster Sullivan		Resigned
Stanford J. Harrington		1974
Everett W. Plant		1975
~~Carpenter~~ (?) R. Cunningham		
	Cemetery Commissioner	
Daniel W. MacPhee		1971
Edward L. Fuller		1972
Roy P. Reece, Jr.		1973
	Board of Assessors	
Issac A. Hodgen		1971
Samuel J. Joyal		1972
J. Bernard Bowler		Deceased
	Housing Authority	
~~Hudson Holland~~ Lewis Austin		1971
~~Harold W. Curtis~~ Kenneth Thayer (gov. appointee)		1972
~~H. Morgan Ryther~~ Arlan Skinner		1973
Mrs. Edna H. Camp		1974
James B. Baker		1975
	Tree Warden	
Albert W. Brown		1971
	Sewer Commissioner	
~~D. Donald Hazen~~ A. Preston Attwood		1971
Peter A. Whittaker		1972
Harry L. Brougham		1973
	Board of Health	
Charlotte P. Ketchen, R.N.		1971
James A. Bonafini, Sr.		1972
Miles J. Hubler		1973
	Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District Committee member	
David A. Staples		1972
	Almoners—Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds	
Mrs. Ruth B. Fuller		1971
Mrs. Sophia M. Pero		1971
	Trustee, Calvin Bridgman Fund	
George A. Poole		1972
D. Donald Hazen		1973
Sidney W. Wheeler		Deceased

Appointed Officers

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Town Accountant	
Mrs. Pauline C. Johnson		3-31-72
	Assistant Town Clerk	
Mrs. Margaret S. Kirby		3-1-71
	Assistant Town Treasurer	
Mrs. Margaret S. Kirby		12-31-70
	Deputy Collector	
Oren K. Gilbert		12-31-70
Mrs. Margaret S. Kirby		12-31-70
	Finance Committee	
Donald R. Laporte		1971
Arthur J. Moriarty		Resigned
Edward H. Gates		1972
Alton B. Hull		1973
Walter L. Papp		1973
Nelson J. Hill		1971
	Town Counsel	
Paul T. Ford, Attorney		1971
	Chief of Police & Constable	
Ernest M. Gay		1971
	Deputy Chief of Police & Constable	
Andrew T. Sears		1971
	Fire Chief and Forest Warden	
Louis E. Fuller		1971
	Superintendent of Streets	
Albert L. LePage		1971
	Inspector of Wiring	
Walter J. Henry		1971

Dog Officer

Wallace F. Chevalier	1971

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Albert W. Brown	1972

Veteran's Service Agent

Earl F. Henrichon	1971

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Royal K. Gay	1971

Zoning By-Law Enforcement Officer

Henry Bleau	1971

Veteran's Graves officer

Milton Butler	1971

Registrar of Voters

Helen M. Rhodes	1971
Mary T. Vanasse	1972
Rose A. Joyal	1973

Board of Appeals

Walter J. Carmody		1971
Henry Renouf		1972
Donald Perham		1973
Joseph Tolpa	Associate member	1971

Fence Viewer & Field Driver

Bernard H. Beauregard	1971

Fence Viewer & Pound Keeper

Edward Peckham	1971
Owens Taylor	1971

Civil Defense Director

Leonard H. Syriac	1971

Ass't Civil Defense Director

Florian B. Czupkiewicz	1971

Radio Officer

Robert H. Phoenix	1971

Radio Operator

Henry Depot	1971
Philip Depot	1971

Parks, Beach & Recreation

Mrs. Louise M. Barrett	1971
Mrs. Joan P. Fuller	1971
Mrs. Joan N. Poole	1971
Michael P. Forgue	1971
Anthony T. Russo, Sr.	1971

War Memorial Committee

Carl Peterson	1971
Mrs. Alice Samborski	1971
Isaac A. Hodgen	1972
Frederick E. Lincoln	1972
William H. Squires, Jr.	1973
Roy F. Whidden	1973

Rationing Board

Michael S. Mathras	1971
Andrew T. Sears	1971
William H. Squires, Jr.	1971

Public Weighers

Joseph Tolpa	1971
Joseph Tolpa, Jr.	1971
Rudolph Smola	1971
Robert G. Anderson	1971

Community Action Committee

Mrs. Ann Austin		1971
Mrs. Charlotte Ketchen		1971
Francis P. Loftus		1971
Sidney W. Wheeler	(Deceased)	1971

Development & Industrial Comm.

Kenneth H. Snow		1971
Sidney W. Wheeler	(Deceased)	1971
Roy H. King, Sr.		1972
Harvey M. Dickinson		1972
Peter S. Galuszka		1973
Channing Kimball		1973
William H. Squires, Jr.		1974
Patrick Kamins		1974
Donald K. Shaw		1974

Assistant Assessor
(By Board of Assessors)

Harold Ketchen	Resigned

Conservation Commission

E. Holland Low	1971
Sherman Gould	1971
Harold E. Mellin	1971
Louis LaFromboise	1971
Henry Renouf	1971

Associate member

Albert Brighenti	1971
Albert W. Brown	1971

Committee to investigate Sewer & Water facilities in south pt. of town

John W. Avery	1971
Mrs. Jane M. Kubacki	1971
Stanley P. Kulig	1971
Robert A. Coache	1971
John J. Garvan, Jr.	1971

Police Officers
(Chief)

Ernest M. Gay	1971

(Deputy Chief)

Andrew T. Sears	1971

(Sergeant)

Elmer M. Potter	1971
Merton L. Pratt	1971
Randolph H. Brown	1971

Officers

Julius J. Matusko	1971
Edward S. Czech	1971
Lester M. Beaudoin	1971
G. Parker Ketchen	1971
Raymond E. Breton	1971
Alexander M. Cochrane	1971
David A. Conkey	1971
Robert G. Anderson	Resigned

Mrs. Pauline C. Johnson	1971
Philip Vanasse	1971
Robert D. Dubuque	1971
Mary T. Vanasse	Resigned

Special Police—School Traffic

Mrs. Lillian Austin	1971
James R. Lodge	1971

All other, Specials

A. Preston Atwood	1971
Nelson J. Hill	1971
Stanley Antonovitch	1971
Richard I. Cole, Jr.	1971
Lois E. Lowe	1971
Isaac A. Hodgen	1971
Ralph Goodreau	1971
Floyd Sieczkowski	1971
Lloyd Snowden	1971

Regional School District Planning Committee

Mrs. Ruth C. Johnston	1971
Channing B. Kimball	1971
Richard D. Pratt	Resigned
William M. Russell	1971

Board of Health Appointments

Report Clerk (Communicable Diseases)

Mrs. Doris S. Squires	1971

Agent Sanitarian

John A. Brickett	1971

Inspector of Animals

Louis J. Austin	1971

Inspector of Slaughtering

Adam L. Antonovitch	1971

Inspector of Plumbing

Edward F. Czupkiewicz	1971

Special Agent at Belchertown State School

Lawrence P. Bowser, Sr., MD	1971

Selectmen's Report

The Board of Selectmen submits its Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1970

In submitting the Town Report and the Finance Report to the citizens of Belchertown, we hope that upon reading these reports you will become better informed as to what progress is being made in Town, and advised as to the expenditures of the various Town departments. We also hope that you will attned our Annual Town Meeting, as this is one of the greatest forms of democracy in government; one in which everyone can voice his or her opinion as to how the Town should be operated.

In keeping abreast of various activities, we have met with our neighbors during the year, and find these meetings are most helpful. We feel that we can learn from each other. During the past year we have met with Palmer, Ware, Granby, Amherst, Pelham and Hadley.

With the continuing growth in building which we are receiving, due mainly to the expansion of the University, it is important that we try to plan this growth in the best interest of the Town, and it would appear that some kind of master plan will be needed in the near future.

In looking to the future, a complete survey was made of the sewer system in the south end of Belchertown. We have been directed by the State to be ready to start construction of an acceptable system by the end of 1971, and have hired Tighe and Bond Consulting Engineers to make a study of this system. A complete report has been received by the Board, and will be released some time during the year. It is our hope that we may install a connecting line to the present system and tie this in with the proposed system. This is in the planning stage, also. We have talked this problem over with the Palmer Selectmen and the prospects look favorable for connecting to their proposed system.

Another area which has been a great concern is the Town Dump. All cities and towns are going to have to meet State requirements during the upcoming year. Our first step was to recommend to the Finance Committee that we make a complete survey of the land area at the dump as there was no record as to the amount of land that the Town owned. This survey has been completed, and we find we own approximately 100 acres. This plan has been recorded at the Registry of Deeds. We are now in the process of setting up a land-fill operation. With the help of the citizens of the Town we hope to put a stop to the burning at the dump. We would like to continue operating with no set days or hours for dumping of waste. We look for your cooperation in this matter.

The Route 9 By-Pass which we have been studying for the past two years with the other communities involved and the Mass. Department of Public Works is still in the planning stage. It appears now that a corridor has been picked through the various Towns that is acceptable to all. This project, however, could be five years or more away.

We have tried to promote the establishment of some type of manufacturing or light industry in our community. The Industrial and Development Commission has also been trying to promote this, but at the present time, all efforts have been to no avail. It is our hope that something will materialize to help stabilize our tax rate. Unless we can look to the future and try to entice new growth we can see no reduction or levelling-off of our property tax burden.

One of the major acheivements of this year, accomplished by the efforts of this Board and Fire Chief Fuller is the securing of a fire engine from the State Department of Mental Health. This engine has been housed at the Belchertown State School and through the added efforts of personnel at the State School, we now have this vehicle at our disposal. It will be housed at our station and manned by our Department. This will delay the Town's purchase of a new fire engine for a few more years.

The Board welcomed Arthur J. Moriarty as its new member in March. We continued the policy of subdividing the members to act as liason to the various Town departments. This has worked exceptionally well for us, and we intend to continue this program in the near future.

At the end of April the resignation of Herbert E. Squires was regretfully accepted by the Board. At a special election held in July, William H. Squires, Jr. was elected to fill the unexpired term, and was welcomed back.

The Board has talked to D. Donald Hazen, chairman of the Sewer Commissioners, and to the Finance Committee, and recommends that in the near future the Sewer Department should come under a Department of Public Works. We feel this is a step in the right direction. Mr. Hazen, who has been a Commissioner for over twenty years, plans to retire in 1971. We have requested a larger sum of money for the Sewer Maintenance account; said sum to be spent on "tightening up" the sewer lines to prevent seepage of surface water in to the system.

We are fortunate to have the use of a fairly new treatment plant at the Belchertown State School, and the Belchertown Water District provides an excellent water system. Other communities are now faced with these two problems, along with other financial burdens.

We have tried to meet with all elected and appointed Town Boards during the year to discuss the many existing problems and future planning, and feel that this is a must every year.

In closing our report, we would like to thank all those who have helped and worked for our community when called upon.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Town Meeting.

Report of Town Accountant

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1970:

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE		
Taxes		
Current year		
Real Estate	$801,048.63	
Personal Property	62,363.76	
Previous years		
Real Estate	38,341.93	
Personal Property	2,571.20	
Other Local Taxes		
Current year		
Farm Animal	1,124.27	
Previous years		
Farm Animal	115.00	
Trailer Taxes	1,278.00	
Tax Title Redemptions	2,213.19	
Added Interest	10.99	
		$909,066.97
From the State		
M.D.C.—In Lieu of Taxes	1,529.86	
Loss of Taxes	12,358.80	
Valuation Basis	15,548.66	
Machinery Basis	2,241.49	
Chapter 70	260,176.60	
		291,855.41
LICENSES AND PERMITS		
Alcholic Beverages	3,800.00	
		3,800.00
FINES AND FORFEITS		
Court	1,302.00	
		1,302.00
GRANTS AND GIFTS		
Public Law 864—III	2,190.37	
Public Law 864—V	695.50	
Public Law 874	6,822.00	
School Construction	34,666.79	
Vocational Education (Chapter 74)	6,001.00	
Tuition & Transportation	47,738.48	
Food Services	20,631.18	
State Wards (Chapter 76)	4,957.69	
E.S.E.A.—Title I	3,998.00	
E.S.E.A.—Title II	729.16	
Special Education (Chapter 69)	8,859.00	
Chapter 81	38,320.86	
Chapter 768	18,421.68	
Library Aid	1,296.50	
Dog Fund	143.81	
		195,472.02
COMMERCIAL REVENUE		
Special Assessments		
Sewers		
Current year	6,221.99	
Previous years	362.68	
		6,584.67
PRIVILEGES		
Motor Vehicles		
Current year	94,115.71	
Previous years	17,118.84	
		111,234.55
DEPARTMENTAL		
Selectmen		
Licenses	1,247.00	
Collector		
Penalties & Costs	1,091.00	
Other	16.00	
Assessors		
Assessors' Map Account From Stabilization Fund	1,000.00	
Town Clerk		
Fees	1,639.20	

Board of Appeals Fees	100.00	
Memorial Hall & Old Town Hall Rentals	295.00	
		5,388.20

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department		
Licenses & Accident reports	816.00	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	184.50	
Dog Officer Fees	1,474.00	
		2,474.50

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Licenses & Permits	49.50	
Sewer Commissioners	28.00	
		77.50

HIGHWAYS

Chapter 90 Maintenance	22,000.00	
Chapter 90 Construction	10,299.42	
Snow & Sanding	1,323.78	
Road Machinery Earnings	5,978.61	
		39,601.81

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Medical Assistance—Federal	13.40	
Old Age Assistance	11.95	
Belchertown Granby Welfare Dist.	8,165.42	
		7,190.77

VETERANS' SERVICES

Reimbursements for relief	6,166.68	
		6,166.68

SCHOOLS

Sale of lunches	39,420.54	
High School Athletics	2,039.83	
All other	94.60	
		41,554.97

LIBRARIES

From Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	421.11	
		421.11

UNCLASSIFIED

Accounts Receivable	2,235.85	
Rental of Properties not used for Municipal Purposes	210.00	
		2,445.85

CEMETERIES

Sale of lots	470.00	
From Perpetual Care—(Interest)	2,084.89	
Other	910.00	
		3,464.89

INTEREST

On Deposits	1,806.79	
On Taxes & Assessments	1,733.89	
		3,540.68

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Anticipation of Revenue	500,000.00	
Chapter 90 Constr. Loan	21,000.00	
		521,000.00

AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENT

Agency		
Sprorting Licenses—for State	3,767.50	
Dog Licenses—for County	2,181.25	
Payroll Deductions		
Federal Withholding	117,035.10	
Retirement	9,056.39	
State Withholding	25,384.96	
B.C.—B.S., Employees	11,790.08	
Pensioners	219.43	
O.M.E.	793.75	
Group Life	1,209.76	
Insurance Reserve	711.00	
Trust		
Perpetual Care Fund	540.00	
Susan M.D. Bridgman, Income	2,362.50	
Nellie E. Brown	25.00	
		175,076.72

REFUNDS

To Estimated Receipts (for 1969)	2,973.01	
Assessors—Expense	5.15	
Police Department	120.99	
Veterans' Benefits	27.32	
Insurance Account	2,551.00	
Sewer Maintenance	13.50	
Unclassified Account	3.00	
Law Account	54.00	
Finance Committee	6.00	
School Lunch (Petty Cash)	25.00	
E.S.E.A.—Title I (Petty Cash)	100.00	
Junior—Senior High School (Petty Cash)	50.00	
Guidance Office (Petty Cash)	50.00	
Supt. Office (Petty Cash)	50.00	
		6,028.97

UNLOCATED DIFFERENCE	1.12	
		1.12
TOTAL CASH CARRIED FORWARD, JANUARY 1, 1970		182,670.56
GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND		$2,517,419.95

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen, Salaries		$4,056.23
Expenses:		
Clerical wages	128.44	
Office expenses	278.41	
Assoc. dues & meetings	832.44	
Telephone	413.61	
Mileage	147.08	
		1,799.98
Town Accountant & Administrative Sec., Salary		5,800.00
Expenses:		
Clerical wages	872.97	
Adding machine	410.00	
Assoc. dues & meetings	179.19	
Office expenses	197.80	
		1,659.96
Treasurer, Salary		3,000.00
Expenses:		
Clerical wages	1,743.53	
Bonds	200.00	
Postage	375.00	
Assoc. dues & meetings	40.97	
Office expenses	334.65	
Mileage	117.29	
		2,811.44
Collector, Salary		3,200.00
Expenses:		
Clerical wages	1,069.68	
Bonds	404.00	
Assoc. dues & meetings	44.82	
Postage	455.00	
Office expenses	767.60	
Mileage	29.90	
		2,771.00
Assessors, Salaries		1,558.33
Expenses:		
Clerical wages	3,590.24	
Maintaining valuation wages	2,221.66	
Mileage	135.80	
Telephone	183.26	
Assoc. dues	21.00	
Office expenses	1,289.67	
		7,441.63
Assessors Maps		1,000.00
Finance Committee, Expenses:		
Assoc. dues & meetings	121.00	
Office expenses	8.90	
		129.90
Town Clerk, Salary		1,500.00
Expenses:		
Clerical wages	337.63	
Assoc. dues & meetings	61.24	
Postage	84.00	
Bond	20.00	
Mileage	30.25	
Telephone	192.48	
Office expenses	1,047.40	
		1,773.00
Law Account		
Retainer Fee	800.00	
Law books	280.50	
Other expenses	37.30	
		1,117.80
Special Law Account		1,200.00
Election and Registration		
Registrars wages	2,846.02	
Street listing	525.80	
Clerical wages	137.37	
Clerk of Registrars	100.00	
Mileage	23.78	
Posting warrants	40.00	
Office expenses	806.14	
		4,479.11
Planning Board		
Wages	140.00	
Assoc. Dues	40.00	
Mileage	57.20	
Professional Services	500.00	
Office expenses	147.23	
		884.43
Board of Appeals		
Clerical wages	30.25	
Office expenses	92.45	
		122.70
Zoning By-Law Officer, Salary		300.00
Expenses		100.34
Conservation Commission		
Assoc. Dues	25.00	
Office expenses	57.24	
		82.24
Industrial and Development Commission		
Printing Brochures	138.00	
Office expenses	4.30	
		142.30
Lawrence Memorial Hall		
Wages	901.50	
Care of grounds	196.62	
Utilities	349.56	
New wiring	436.04	
Painting	425.00	
Curtain material	390.53	
Other expenses	383.80	
		3,083.05

Town Garage		
Wages	320.00	
Utilities	615.30	
		935.30
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Police Department		
Chief's Salary	8,000.00	
Paid Holiday	307.68	
Expenses:		
Officer's wages	21,815.20	
Legal expenses	850.00	
Assoc. Dues	51.00	
Gas & Oil	1,804.65	
Repairs & Maint. Vehicles	2,135.90	
Garage rental	180.00	
Telephone	990.58	
Mileage	164.08	
Office expenses	1,060.10	
		37,359.19
Used State Police Cruiser		875.00
Radar and Slash System		1,350.00
Fire Department		
Chief's Salary	300.00	
Assoc. Dues	20.00	
Permits	70.00	
Gas & oil	100.00	
Utilities	1,130.00	
Snow Removal	88.00	
Repairs & replacements	2,784.48	
		4,492.48
Cab, Chasis and Equipment		3,486.77
New Water Main		
Wages	307.50	
Materials	1,096.77	
		1,404.27
New Water Main Extension		
Wages		148.50
Hydrant Service		4,000.00
Insect Pest Control		
Hired Equipment		799.50
Dutch Elm Disease		
Wages	741.75	
Hired Equipment	458.00	
Outside service	400.00	
		1,599.75
Tree Warden		
Wages	1,475.75	
Hired Equipment	752.25	
Assoc. Dues	12.00	
Trees	260.00	
		2,500.00
Forest Fire Account		
Wages		1,461.32
Wiring Inspector, Salary		300.00

Sealing Weights and Measures		
Salary	250.00	
Expenses	221.82	
		471.82
Dog Officer Fees		
Care & Custody	1,940.00	
Destroying dogs	194.00	
		2,134.00
Dog Officer Expense		
Wages	225.55	
Hired Equipment	18.00	
		243.55
Civil Defense, Salary		300.00
Expenses:		
Telephone	88.62	
Equipment	215.96	
Office expenses	50.50	
		355.08
HEALTH AND SANITATION		
Board of Health, Salaries		350.00
Expenses:		
Clerk of Infectious Diseases	75.00	
Animal Inspector	405.00	
Plumbing Inspector	266.67	
Slaughter Inspector	30.00	
Sanitarian wages	688.00	
Sanitarian expenses	247.00	
Pest Control	119.00	
Mental Health	700.00	
Clinic expenses	611.63	
Office expenses	50.40	
Mileage	10.80	
		3,203.50
Sewer Commissioners, Salaries		650.00
Sewer Maintenance		
Wages	1,393.20	
Hired Equipment	712.00	
Materials	914.72	
Gas & oil	15.79	
		3,035.71
Town Dump		
Wages	335.97	
Bulldozing	3,220.00	
Materials	106.33	
Hired equipment	368.50	
Surveying	2,018.00	
		6,048.80
HIGHWAYS		
Chapter 81		
Wages	13,704.27	
Insurance	700.00	

Town equipment	2,606.26	
Hired equipment	1,034.00	
Materials	13,745.09	
Snow:		
Salt and sand	1,296.38	
		33,086.00
Chapter 90 Construction (1969)		
Wages	2,931.68	
Town equipment	711.10	
Hired equipment	8,831.50	
Materials	852.57	
Contractor:		
Wages	154.00	
Equipment	778.75	
Materials	212.24	
Other expenses	45.00	
		14,516.85
Chapter 90 Construction (1970)		
Wages	5,753.97	
Town Equipment	1,779.25	
Hired equipment	9,322.75	
Materials	9,829.49	
Blasting	1,314.75	
		28,000.21
Chapter Maintenance		
Wages	6,287.29	
Town equipment	720.95	
Hired equipment	101.50	
Materials	6,927.76	
Mowing	962.50	
		15,000.00
Chapter 616, East Street		
Wages	60.73	
Town equipment	4.50	
		65.23
Chapter 768, Federal Street		
Wages	2,210.09	
Town equipment	322.80	
Hired equipment	398.50	
Materials	1,619.72	
		4,551.11
Chapter 768, Gold Street		
Wages	1,012.53	
Materials	187.20	
		1,199.73
Chapter 768, Munsell Street		
Wages	1,744.52	
Hired equipment	239.50	
Materials	15.98	
		2,000.00
Chapter 768, North Street		
Wages	860.00	

Hired equipment	140.00	
		1,000.00
Chapter 768, Orchard Street		
Wages	570.98	
Materials	829.02	
		1,400.00
Chapter 768, Allen Street		
Wages	104.32	
Materials	645.68	
		750.00
Chapter 768, Summit Street		
Wages	555.27	
Hired equipment	644.60	
		1,199.87
Chapter 768, Shaw Street		
Wages	195.38	
Hired equipment	13.50	
Materials	509.97	
		1,49.33
Chapter 768, Ludlow Street		
Wages	878.33	
Hired equipment	621.00	
		718.85
Chapter 768, Michael Sears Road		
Wages	225.76	
Materials	771.64	
		997.40
General		
Wages	7,493.40	
Hired equipment	353.00	
Materials	3,446.86	
Appraisal fees	300.00	
Surveying	72.50	
Garage rental	140.00	
Signs	618.45	
Other expenses	132.04	
		12,556.25
Winter Employment		
Wages		4,865.66
Brushcutting		
Wages	1,117.50	
Hired equipment	1,190.00	
Materials	78.00	
		2,385.50
Bridges		
Wages	179.80	
Materials	542.92	
		722.72
Sidewalks		
Contractor		2,000.00

Snow Removal		
Wages	10,024.01	
Hired equipment	10,266.25	
Salt and sand	11,685.44	
Cutting edges	358.94	
		32,334.64
Road Machinery Expense		
Diesel fuel	579.41	
Diesel tax	581.91	
Repairing plows	680.00	
Gas, grease & oil	3,620.70	
Repairs & maintenance of equipment	7,967.68	
Other expenses	134.80	
		13,564.50
Street Lighting		9,137.94
New Dump Truck		7,761.10
Tail Gate Chip Spreader (2)		650.00

VETERANS' DEPARTMENT

Veterans' Agent—Salary		450.00
Veteran's Benefits		
Ordinary Benefits	5,230.78	
Heat	1,061.23	
Blue Cross—Blue Shield	347.59	
Doctors	1,061.00	
Nursing Home	5,816.59	
Medication	1,175.30	
Hospital	5,753.22	
Ambulance	52.00	
Other expenses	37.00	
		20,534.71

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

General Control (1000)		31,744.81
Instruction (2000)		628,608.40
Other School Services (3000)		106,966.40
Operation & Maintenance (4000)		108,167.30
Acquisition of Fixed Assets (7000)		5,313.78
Programs with Other Schools (9000)		23,860.09

(For breakdown see Classification of School Expenditures, 1970 on page)

Public Law 85-864, Title III		668.75
Public Law 85-864, Title I		106.78
Public Law 874		12,899.00
E.S.E.A., Title I		3,998.00
E.S.E.A., Title II		304.50
High School Athletic		1,393.49
School Lunch Program		
Wages	24,795.36	
Food	29,739.95	
Other expenses	7,005.88	
		61,541.19
Clapp Memorial Library		
Wages	3,406.04	
Mileage	73.92	
Office expenses	220.37	
Insurance	572.00	
Care of grounds	114.00	
Utilities	816.58	
Books & periodicals	1,170.18	
		6,373.09

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Parks, Beach and Recreation		
Wages	3,832.25	
Care of Grounds	1,719.00	
Repairs & replacements	372.80	
Utilities	1,109.57	
Other expenses	232.01	
		7,265.63
Unclassified Account		
Paper for Copy Machine	798.36	
Printing	101.00	
Other expenses	87.17	
		986.53
Engineering—South end of Belchertown		1,825.47
Aquatic Nuisance Control		3,250.00
Printing Town Reports		1,616.52
Unpaid Bills of 1967		40.00
Unpaid Bills of 1969		2,651.55
Patriotic Exercises		247.55
Rental—American Legion		100.00
Insurance Account		22,428.28
Town Clock		300.00
Land Taking—Barrett Street		1.00
Land Taking—Bay Road		4,700.00

CEMETERIES

Cemetery Commissioners, Salaries		491.66
Expense:		
Wages	2,128.60	
Snow Removal	321.00	
Open & close graves	565.00	
Landscaping	330.00	
Mowing	2,079.00	
New building Mt. Hope	725.00	
Other expenses	230.00	
		6,378.60
Veterans' Graves		
Flags		31.99

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest:		
1949 Sewer Loan	125.00	
1952 School Loan	1,197.00	
1963 School Loan	19,530.00	
Short Term Loans	10,246.81	
		31,098.81
Maturing Debt		
1949 Sewer Loan	1,000.00	
1952 School Loan	19,000.00	

1963 School Loan	45,000.00	
Anticipation of Revenue	500,000.00	
		565,000.00

TRUST FUNDS

Cemetery Perpetual Care	540.00
Calvin Bridgman High School	421.11
Susan M.D. Bridgman Income	1,166.16
Nellie E. Brown	25.00
War Memorial	120.00

AGENCY

Sporting Licenses	3,767.50
Dog Licenses	2,180.00
State Recreation Areas	7,329.91
County Tax	36,064.10
State Assessment System	230.32
Motor Vehicle Excise Bills	471.15
County Hospital Assessment	721.58
Lower Pioneer Valley Planning Assessment	436.32
Pensions, Town Appropriation	16,092.75
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Town Appropriation	10,362.06
Group Life—Town Appropriation	1,010.38
Petty Cash Advances	275.00

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

Federal Withholding Taxes	119,061.70
Retirement	9,215.91
State Witholding Taxes	25,181.62
Blue Cross—Blue Shield, Employees	10,674.00
Blue Cross—Blue Shield, Pensioners	154.08
Blue Cross—Blue Shield, O.M.E.	802.56
Group Life	1,140.18

REFUNDS

Current Year:	
Real Estate	5,014.63
Personal Property	283.20
Special Assessments	25.04
Motor Vehicle Excises	4,992.12
Farm Animal Excises	.05
Previous Years:	
Real Estate	352.06
Motor Vehicle Excises	1,526.82
Medical Assistance—Federal	72.40
	2,240,534.46
Cash on hand December 31, 1970	276,885.49
Grand Total Receipts and Cash on Hand	2,517,419.95

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline C. Johnson
Town Accountant

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TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
Balance Sheet—December 31, 1970

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Cash	$276,885.49
Petty Cash Advance—School Lunch	25.00
Accounts Receivable:	
Taxes:	
Levy of 1969:	
Personal Property	312.80
Levy of 1970:	
Personal Property	3,252.96
Real Estate	55,898.72
Motor Vehicle Excises:	
Levy of 1968	.20
Levy of 1969	2,271.34
Levy of 1970	16,022.90
Farm Animal Excises:	
Levy of 1970	85.00
Tax Titles and Tax Possessions:	
Tax Titles	5,134.28
Tax Possessions	2,119.19
Special Assessments:	
Rentals of 1969	49.03
Rental of 1970	471.97
Departmental:	
Highways Damages and Miscellaneous	2,319.40

Payroll Deductions:	
Federal Withholding	$8,830.50
State Withholding	3,248.63
County Retirement System	1,016.83
Group Hospitalization—Employees	2,124.50
Group Hospitalization—Pensioners	13.99
Group Hospitalization—O.M.E.	33.19
Group Life Insurance	164.59
Agency:	
County—Dog Licenses	4.75
Workman's Compensation Ins. Fund	700.00
Tailings	1,997.14
Trust Fund Income:	
Susan M.D. Bridgman Charity	8,688.60
Old Age Assistance Recovery	3,984.46
Medical Assistance Recovery	439.32
Federal Grants:	
Medical Assistance	8,727.13
Old Age Assistance	11.95
Schools:	
Public Law 874—Title I	6,716.63
Public Law 864—Title III (N.D.E.A.)	2,796.40
Public Law 88-210	6.62

Aid to Highways:	
State	55,429.14
County	18,000.00
Due from State:	
Chapter 768—Highways	6,141.00
Due from County:	
Dog Officer Fees	836.00
Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:	
Underestimates of 1970	
State Recreation Areas	543.39
Overlay Defecits:	
Overlay of 1968	205.00
Overlay of 1969	73.60
Stabilization Fund (Amount to be withdrawn and deposited to Assessors Maps Account)	8,000.00
Loans Authorized—Assessors Maps	18,000.00
	472,076.41

Public Law 864—Title IV (N.D.E.A.)	851.69
E.S.E.A.—Title I	70.53
E.S.E.A.—Title II	424.66
Revolving Funds:	
School Athletics	1,682.50
School Lunch	3,078.97
Appropriation Balances:	
Revenue:	
Assessors Maps	8,000.00
Conservation Fund	400.00
Police Dept.—Radar and Slash System	1,293.80
Water Storage Holes	800.00
Sewer Maintenance	10,127.79
Town Dump	120.00
Highways—Chapter 768, Federal St.	1,589.89
Purchase of Land for Cemetery Purposes	1.00
Non-Revenue:	
Springfield Road—Interceptor Sewer	2,231.61
New Junior-Senior High School	1,688.30
Parsons Field—New Field House Fund*	2,353.53
From Trust:	
School Department—No. 2000	2.88
Cemetery Expense	1,337.29
Sale of Real Estate Fund	3,363.68
Sale of Cemetery Lots	1,639.50
Road Machinery Funds	1,978.61
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	3,158.16
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
Overlay of 1970	8,201.84
County Tax	1,462.73
Belchertown—Granby Welfare District Account	8,165.42
Loans Authorized and Unissued	18,000.00
Revenue Reserved until Collected:	
Motor Vehicles	18,294.44
Farm Animal	85.00
Special Assessments	521.00
Departmental Revenue	2,319.40
Aid to Highways	73,429.14
Tax Titles and Tax Possessions	7,253.47
Surplus Revenue	238,644.35
	472,076.41

DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS

Apportioned Sewer Assessments, Not Due	24.95	Apportioned Sewer Assessments Revenue	24.95

* From Revenue and From a Gift

Pauline C. Johnson—Town Accountant

ITEMIZED REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Report of Appropriations and Expenditures
for the Year Ending December 31, 1970

	1970 Annual Town Meeting		Additions	Amount Available For Expenditure	Expenditures	Balances	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
Moderator	25.00			25.00		25.00	
Selectmen—Salaries	4,200.00			4,200.00	4,056.23	143.77	
Selectmen—Expenses	1,800.00			1,800.00	1,799.98	.02	
Town Accountant—Salary	5,800.00			5,800.00	5,800.00	-0-	
Town Accountant—Expenses	1,360.00	T	300.00	1,660.00	1,659.96	.04	
Treasurer—Salary	3,000.00			3,000.00	3,000.00	-0-	
Treasurer—Expenses	2,755.00	T	56.44	2,811.44	2,811.44	-0-	
Collector—Salary	3,200.00			3,200.00	3,200.00	-0-	
Collector—Expenses	2,771.00			2,771.00	2,771.00	-0-	
Assessors—Salaries	1,600.00			1,600.00	1,558.33	41.67	
Assessors—Expanses	7,700.00	R	5.15	7,705.15	7,441.63	263.52	
Assessors Maps	27,000.00			27,000.00	1,000.00	26,000.00	CF
Finance Committee	160.00	R	6.00	166.00	129.90	36.10	
Town Clerk—Salary	1,500.00			1,500.00	1,500.00	-0-	
Town Clerk—Expenses	1,773.00			1,773.00	1,773.00	-0-	
Law Account	1,300.00	R	54.00	1,354.00	1,117.80	236.20	
Special Law Account	1,000.00	B	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,200.00	800.00	
Election & Registration	4,370.00	T	119.11	4,489.11	4,479.11	10.00	
Planning Board	1,000.00			1,000.00	884.43	115.57	
Board of Appeals	75.00	T	100.00	175.00	122.70	52.30	
Zoning By Law Officer—Salary	300.00			300.00	300.00	-0-	
Zoning By Law Officer—Expenses	200.00			200.00	100.34	99.66	
Conservation Commission	170.00			170.00	82.24	87.76	
Conservation Fund	100.00	B	300.00	400.00	-0-	400.00	
Industrial & Development Commission	250.00			250.00	142.30	107.70	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	3,130.00			3,130.00	3,083.05	46.95	
Town Garage	1,000.00			1,000.00	935.30	64.70	
PUBLIC SAFETY							
Police Department	37,240.00	R	120.99	37,360.00	37,359.19	1.80	

Police Department—Radar & Slash	2,643.80			2,643.80	1,350.00	1,293.80	CF
Police Department—Used SP Cruiser	875.00			875.00	875.00	-0-	
Fire Department	4,500.00			4,500.00	4,492.48	7.52	
Fire Department—Cab, Chasis & Equipment	3,500.00			3,500.00	3,486.77	13.23	
Water Storage Holes	800.00			800.00	-0-	800.00	CF
Hydrant Service	4,000.00			4,000.00	4,000.00	-0-	
New Water Main from Amherst		B	1,404.27	1,404.27	1,404.27	-0-	
New Water Main Extension		B	2,027.76	2,027.76	148.50	1,897.26	
Insect Pest Control	800.00			800.00	799.50	.50	
Dutch Elm Disease	1,600.00			1,600.00	1,599.75	.25	
Tree Warden	2,500.00			2,500.00	2,500.00	-0-	
Forest Fire Account	2,200.00			2,200.00	1,461.32	738.68	
Wiring Inspector	300.00			300.00	300.00	-0-	
Sealing of Weights & Measures	300.00	T	174.65	474.65	471.82	2.83	
Dog Officer Expense				300.00	243.55	56.45	
Civil Defense—Salary	300.00			300.00	300.00	-0-	
Civil Defense—Expenses	380.00			380.00	355.08	24.92	

HEALTH & SANITATION

Board of Health—Salaries	350.00			350.00	350.00	-0-	
Board of Health—Expenses	3,825.00			3,825.00	3,203.50	621.50	
Sewer Commissioners—Salaries	650.00			650.00	650.00	-0-	
Sewer Maintenance	13,150.00	R	13.50	13,163.50	3,035.71	10,127.79	CF
Town Dump	4,000.00	T	2,300.00	6,300.00	6,048.80	251.20	

HIGHWAYS

Chppter 81	33,075.00			33,075.00	33,075.00	-0-	
Chapter 90 C (1969)		B	13,656.88	13,656.88	13,656.88	-0-	
Chapter 90 C (1970)	28,000.00	T	.21	28,000.21	28,000.21	-0-	
Chapter 90 M	15,000.00			15,000.00	15,000.00	-0-	
Chapter 616—East		B	65.23	65.23	65.23	-0-	
Chapter 768—Federal	6,141.00			6,141.00	4551.11	1,589.89	CF
Chapter 768—Gold	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,199.73	.27	
Chapter 768—Munsell	2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00	-0-	
Chapter 768—North	1,000.00			1,000.00	1,000.00	-0-	
Chapter 768—Orchard	1,400.00			1,400.00	1,400.00	-0-	
Chapter 768—Allen	750.00			750.00	750.00	-0-	
Chapter 768—Summit	1,200.00			1,200.00	1,199.87	.13	
Chapter 768—Shaw	750.00			750.00	750.00	-0-	
Chapter 768—Ludlow	1,500.00			1,500.00	1,499.33	.67	

Chapter 768—Michael Sears	1,000.00			1,000.00	997.40	2.60	
Chapter 768—George Hannum	3,500.00	TSTM to Highways—General					
General	8,500.00	T	619.11				
		TSTM	3,500.00	12,619.11	12,556.25	62.86	
Winter Employment (General)	7,500.00			7,500.00	4,865.66	2,634.34	
Brushcutting (General)	2,500.00			2,500.00	2,385.50	114.50	
Bridges	1,000.0			1,000.00	722.72	277.28	
Sidewalks	2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00	-0-	
Snow Removal	40,000.00			40,000.00	32,334.64	7,665.36	
Road Machinery Expense	8,678.28	B	236.98				
		STM	4,000.00				
Street Lighting	9,173.00	T	655.24	13,570.50	13,564.50	6.00	
New Dump Truck	7,900.00			9,173.00	9,137.94	35.06	
Tail—Gate Chip Spreaders (2)	650.00			7,900.00	7,761.10	138.90	
				650.00	650.00	-0-	

VETERANS SERVICES

Veterans Agent—Salary	450.00			450.00	450.00	-0-	
Veteran's Benefits	10,000.00	R	27.32				
		STM	10,000.00				
		T	525.00	20,552.32	20,534.71	17.61	

SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES

School Department							
1000 Administration	31,795.00			31,795.00	31,744.81	50.19	
2000 Instruction	638,026.00			638,026.00	628,608.40	9,417.60	
3000 Other Services	116,341.00			116,341.00	106,966.40	9,374.60	
4000 Operation	108,240.00			108,240,00	108,167.30	72.70	
5000 Fixed Charges	72.00			72.00	-0-	72.00	
7000 Fixed Assets	5,318.00			5,318.00	5,313.78	4.22	
9000 Programs with Other Schools	25,880.00			25,880.00	23,860.09	2,019.91	
New Junior Senior High School		B	1,688.30	1,688.30	-0-	1,688.30	
Clapp Memorial Library	5,143.81	STM	1,296.50	6,440.31	6,373.09	67.22	

RECREATION & UNCLASSIFIED

Parsons Field—New Field House Fund		B	2,353.53	2,353.53	-0-	2,353.53	CF
Parks, Beach & Recreation	7,458.00			7,458.00	7,265.63	192.37	
Lake Metacomet—Aquatic Nuisance Control	3,250.00			3,250.00	3,250.00	-0-	
Unpaid Bills of 1969	2,477.23	STM	174.50	2,651.73	2,651.00	.18	
Unpaid Bill of 1967	40.00			40.00	40.00	-0-	

Land Taking—Barrett Street		B	1.00	1.00	1.00	-0-	
Purchase of Land for Cemetery Purposes		B	1.00	1.00	-0-	1.00	CF
Unclassified Account	600.00	R	3.00				
		T	400.00	1,003.00	986.53	16.47	
Printing Town Reports	1,700.00			1,700.00	1,616.52	83.48	
Patriotic Excerises	250.00			250.00	247.55	2.45	
Insurance Account	25,514.16	R	2,551.00	28,065.16	22,428.28	5,636.88	
Town Clock	300.00			300.00	300.00	-0-	
Rental American Legion	100.00			100.00	100.00	-0-	
Reserve Fund	10,000.00			10,000.00	7,290.74	2,709.26	
Land Taking—Bay Road		STM	4,700.00	4,700.00	4,700.00	-0-	
Engineering—South End of Belchertown		T	1,825.47	1,825.47	1,825.47	-0-	

CEMETERIES

Cemetery Commissioners—Salaries	500.00			500.00	491.66	8.34	
Cemetery Expense	5,631.00	PCI	2,084.89	7,715.89	6,378.60	1,337.29	CF
Veterans Graves	200.00			200.00	31.99	168.01	

INTEREST & MATURING DEBT

Interest	28,852.00	STM	2,246.81	31,098.81	31,098.81	-0-
Maturing Debt	65,000.00			65,000.00	65,000.00	-0-
Pensions—Town Appropriation	16,093.00			16,093.00	16,092.75	.25
Blue Cross—Blue Shield						
Town Appropriation	11,758.00			11,758.00	10,362.06	1,395.94
Group Life—Town Appropriation	1,105.00			1,105.00	1,010.38	94.62

KEY

T	Transfer from Reserve Fund
B	Balance carried forward
R	Refund
S	Special Town Meeting
TSTM	Transferred at Special Town Meeting
PCI	Perpetual Care Interest
CF	Carried forward

DEBT ACCOUNT—1970

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding	Paid in 1970	Due in 1971
Sewer Construction	1949	2.5	$ 6,000.00	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00
School Building Loan	1951	2.1	33,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
School Building Loan	1952	2.1	24,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
New Jr.-Sr. High School Loan	1963	3.1	630,000.00	45,000.00	585,000.00

DEBT STATEMENT—1970

Net Funded of Fixed Debt:	
Inside the Debt Limit	$ 20,000.00
Outside the Debt Limit	607,000.00
	$627,000.00

Serial Loans:	
Inside the Debt Limit	
Sewer Construction Loan of 1948	$ 4,000.00
School Building Loan of 1952 (1949)	16,000.00
	$ 20,000.00
Outside the Debt Limit:	
School Building Loan of 1952	$ 22,000.00
School Building Loan of 1963	585,000.00
	$607,000.00

Trust and Investment Funds

Cash and securities in custody of Treasurer $127,108.63

In custody of Treasurer:	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	38,478.90
Stabilization Fund	46,460.98 *
Susan M.D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	731.20
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	1,226.10
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,038.76
George D. Longley Music Fund	2,345.06
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	7,149.83
Whiting-Street Poor Fund	13,389.61
Susan M.D. Bridgman Poor Fund	10,814.33
Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fund	2,080.98
Vianna E. Sommes Cemetery Fund	392.88
	$127,108.63

* Includes $8,000.00 which is to be withdrawn for the Assessors Maps Account. Voted at Annual Town Meeting, March 9, 1970, Article 30.

Report of Tax and Town Collector

1968 Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 1-1-70		57.40
Refunded		205.00
Abated	205.00	
Tax Titles	57.40	
O—S 12-31-70	0.00	
	262.40	
		262.40

1969 Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 1-1-70		39722.07
Refunded		147.06
Collected	38341.93	
Abated	69.00	
Tax Titles	1458.20	
O—S 12-31-70	0.00	
	39869.13	
		39869.13

1970 Real Estate Taxes

Committed for collection		884329.92
Refunded		5014.63
Collected	801048.63	
Abated	29421.20	
Tax Titles	2976.00	
O—S 12-31-70	55898.72	
	889344.55	
		889344.55

1968 Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding 1-1-70		20.50
Collected	20.50	
O—S 12-31-70	0.00	
	20.50	
		20.50

1969 Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding 1-1-70		2927.90
Collected	2550.70	
Abated	64.40	
O—S 12-31-70	312.80	
	2927.90	
		2927.90

1970 Personal Property Taxes

Committed for collection		66135.12
Refunded		283.20
Abated	801.60	
Colleceed	62363.76	
O—S 12-31-70	3252.96	
	66418.32	
		66418.32

1969 Farm Animal Excises

Outstanding 1-1-70		115.00
Collected	115.00	
O—S 12-31-70	0.00	
	115.00	
		115.00

1970 Farm Animal Excises

Committed for collection		1209.22
Refunded		.05
Collected	1124.27	
O—S 12-31-70	85.00	
	1209.27	
		1209.07

1966 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 1-1-70		61.60
Paid after abatement		16.50
Collected	16.50	
Abated	61.60	
O—S 12-31-70	0.00	
	78.10	
		78.10

1967 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 1-1-70		194.89
Paid after abatement		51.70
Collected	51.70	
Abated	194.89	
O—S 12-31-70	0.00	
	246.59	
		246.59

1968 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 1-1-70		1683.63
Paid after abatement		64.86
Collected	312.24	
Abated	1436.05	
O—S 12-31-70	0.00	
	1748.29	
		1748.29

1969 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 1-1-70		12348.69
Committed during 1970		9696.22
Refunded		1526.82
To be refunded		26.08
Collected	16738.40	
Abated	4561.99	
O—S 12-31-70	2297.42	
	23597.81	
		23597.81

1970 Motor Vehicle Excises

Committed for collection		115526.77
Refunded		4992.12
Collected	94115.71	
Abated	10380.28	
O—S 12-31-70	16022.90	
	120518.89	
		120518.89

Miscellaneous accounts (receivable)

Outstanding 1-1-70		2231.90
Committed for collection		2323.35
Collected	2235.85	
O—S 12-31-70	2319.40	
	4555.25	
		4555.25

1966 Sewer Charges (Lien)
(Add to R.E. tax bill)

Outstanding 1-1-70		30.00
Collected	30.00	
O—S 12-31-70	0.00	
	30.00	
		30.00

1967 Sewer Charges (Lien)
(Add to R.E. tax bill)

Outstanding 1-1-70		30.12
Collected	30.12	
O—S 12-31-70	0.00	
	30.12	
		30.12

1968 Sewer Charges (Lien)
(Add to R.E. tax bill)

Outstanding 1-1-70		70.53
Collected	58.53	
To tax Title	12.00	
O—S 12-31-70	0.00	
	70.53	
		70.53

1969 Sewer Charges (Lien)
(Add to R.E. tax bill)

Outstanding 1-1-70		293.06
Collected	244.04	
O—S 12-31-70	49.03	
	293.06	
		293.06

1970 Sewer Charges (Lien)

Committed for collection		6685.79
Refund		25.04
Collected	6221.99	
Abated	16.87	
O—S 12-31-70	471.97	
	6710.83	
		6710.83

Total collections during 1970

Taxes, excises, liens	$1,025,598.36
Fees, (charges & warrants)	1,091.00
Interest on all taxes, excises & liens	1,733.89
Paid to town treasurer	$1,028,423.25

Respectfully submitted,
Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Tax & Town Collector

Town Clerk Report

Statistics **Financial** **Town Meetings**

BIRTHS

Place	Boys	Girls
Northampton	14	18
Ware	13	7
Holyoke	8	9
Springfield	6	3
Montague	2	3
Chicopee	2	—
Greenfield	1	1
	46	41

Total births recorded at Belchertown—87

MARRIAGES

Marriage intentions filed—67 at Belchertown

Mariages	Male	Female
Resident	44	47
Non-resident	33	30
	77	77

Married at	No.
Belchertown	33
Out of town	42
Out of state	2
Recorded, Belchertown	77

DEATHS

Recorded at Belchertown—62 Males 32, Females 30
Resident 38, Non-resident 24

Place of death	and number
Belchertown	33
Ware	10
Palmer	5
Springfield	4
Holyoke	2
Amherst	1
Westfield	1
West Brookfield	1
Montague	1
Boston	1
Northampton	1
Hadley	1
Chesterfield, N.H.	1

Town Clerk Financial

Receipts	No. items	Amount
Sporting licenses (Gross)	741	$3408.50
Dog licenses (Gross)	819	2386.00
B—M—D certified copies	167	167.00
U.C.C. & Terminations	288	754.00
Marriage intentions	67	134.00
Pole location orders	20	80.00
Registration & Disc. of business	3	3.00
Registration to store fuels	27	13.50
Federal liens & releases	4	10.00
Licenses, raffles & bazzars	8	80.00
Sale of town maps	61	24.30
	2205	$7,060.30

Payments to	Amount
Fish & Game Division (State)	$3,408.50
County of Hampshire	2,181.25
Town of Belchertown	1,470.55
	$7,060.30

Respectfully submitted,
Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Report of Town Treasurer

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1970	$ 182,670.56
Receipts of 1970	2,334,749.39
	$2,517,419.95

Payments, as authorized	$2,240,534.46
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1970	276,885.49
	$2,517,419.95

Income from savings deposits, excluding trust funds, $1,806.79

Funds borrowed during 1970, as authorized (Discounted short term notes)

Note	Dated	Amount	Due	Rate	Discount
256	3-10-70	&100,000	11-2-70	4.74 per cent	$3,094.95
257	5-5-70	100,000	11-16-70	3.99 per cent	2,127.93
258	7-1-70	100,000	12-1-70	5.10 per cent	2,168.01
259-60	8-7-70	100,000	12-14-70	4.97 per cent	1,780.92
261-62	9-9-70	100,000	12-18-70	3.87 per cent	1,075.00

Total borrowed $500,000.00 at a cost of $10,246.81

During the year 1970 the town, all departments, employed 386 persons.

Gross wages earned before deductions	$855,842.00
Less all payroll deductions	196,220.33
Net wages paid to employees	659,621.67

TRUST FUNDS

Fund	1-1-70	W'drn	Int.	Dep.	12-31-70
Calvin Bridgman (High Sch)	6737.86		411.97		7149.83
Geo. D. Longley (Music)	2,209.99		135.07		2345.06
S.M.D. Bridgman (Cemetery)	689.10		42.10		731.20
Whiting Street	12,618.11		771.50		13,389.61
Willard A. Stebbins (Cemetery)	1,961.10		119.88		2,080.98
Calvin Bridgman (Library)	4,202.92	421.11	256.95		4,038.76
S.M.D. Bridgman (Poor)	6,892.90		421.43		7,314.33
Vienna Sommes (Mt. Hope Cem.)	370.26		22.62		392.88

Perpetual Care (Cemeteries)	37,712.06	2,084.89	2,311.73	540.00	38,478.90
Nellie E. Brown (Mt. Hope Com.)	1,174.84	25.00	76.62		1,226.46
Stabilization Fund	44,726.22	1,000.00	2,734.76		46,460.98
	119,295.36	3,531.00	7,304.63	540.00	123,608.99

Respectfully submitted,
Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Treasurer

Persons Drawn for Jury Service During 1970

1— 5—70	(Mrs.) Virginia C. Goodrich	Grand Juror
1— 5—70	Howard W. Knight	Traverse Juror
1— 5—70	Roland E. Hutchinson	Traverse Juror
1—19—70	(Mrs.) Wanda A. Squires	Traverse Juror
1—19—70	John R. Scott	Traverse Juror
3— 9—70	Sherman L. Gould	Traverse Juror
3— 9—70	Edward L. Pepe	Traverse Juror
4—21—70	Harvey A. Samson	Traverse Juror
4—21—70	Paul V. Tongren	Traverse Juror
8—10—70	William A. Terry	Traverse Juror
8—10—70	Arnold B. Watson	Traverse Juror
9—14—70	Alfred C. Drew	Traverse Juror
9—14—70	Louis E. Squires	Traverse Juror
10—19—70	Francis Loftus, Jr.	Traverse Juror
10—19—70	John C. Cook, Sr.	Traverse Juror

Jury List 1970-1971

Ayers, Charles E. Sr., Amherst Road	Maintenance Equipment Operator, Metro District Comm. Water Division, Belchertown
Bock, Elwyn H., Park Street	Coordinator, Fontaine Modular Struct. Inc., College Highway, Northampton
Bodzinski, Thaddeus O., North Liberty Street	Truck Driver & Laborer, M.T. Sullivan, West, Ludlow, Mass.
Burke, Raymond V., Old Enfield Road	Carpenter, C.H. Micharisan Co., Torrington, Conn.
Chevalier, William J., Cottage Street	Millwright, Texon, Inc., South Hadley Falls
Coache, Robert A., River Street	Assistant manager, Federal Paper Board, Thorndike
Collis, John A., Main Street	Photo Lithographer, H.I. Newell, Amherst
Cook, John C., Sr. Mill Valley Road	Farm Hand, Belchertown State School, Belchertown
Cunningham, Roy E. North Main Street	Part-time guard, Atwood Detective Agency, 1346 Elm St., West Springfield
Daigle, Louis, Federal Street	Assembler, Westfield Manufacturing Co., Cycle Street, Westfield
Dewhurst, Albert F., Federal Street	Shear Operator, Zero Manufacturing Co., Monson
Drew, Alfred C., Jr., North Main Street	Field Representative, New England Milk Producers Assoc., owner operator vegetable stand, 958 Riverdale Street, West Springfield
Dudek, Edward J., Bardwell Street	Skilled Laborer, Metro District Comm., Belchertown
Duguay, Florian R., North Street	Technical Assistant, University of Mass., Amherst
Dunbar, Arthur L., East Walnut Street	Meat Cutter, First National Stores, Northampton

Forgette, Roland E., Warner Road	Heating Mechanic, Westover Air Base, Chicopee
Forgue, Michael P., Daniel Shays Highway	Radio Announcer, W A R E Radio, Ware
Fuller, Edward L., Cottage Street	Insurance Agent, Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency, Inc., Belchertown
Greene, Hubert F., Ware Road	Broiler Farmer & School Bus Contractor, Self Employed
Hayward, James F., Federal Street	Electricians Helper, Belchertown State School, Belchertown
Hodgen, Isaac A., Sargent Street	Board of Investments, Ware Savings Bank, Trustee, Ware
Hulmes, Jack Sr., Old Enfield Road	Carpenter Foreman, Laundramat owner, D. O'Connel's Sons, Inc., Holyoke
Jenks, Kenneth O., Amherst Road	Mechanic, D.P.W. Water Division, Amherst
Kamins, Patrick D., Chadbourne Street	Self Employed, Kamins Inc., 55 South Pleasant Street, Amherst
Kelly, Daniel J., Mill Valley Road	Special Chain Engineer, Acme Chain Corp., Division of N.A. Rockwell, Holyoke
Knight, Richard H., Eskett Road	Shift Leader, Monsanto Co., Bircham Bend Plant, Springfield
Kuc, Mitchell A., Chauncy Walker Road	Carpenter, Local Union 32, Willow Street, Springfield
Kulig, Joseph A., Franklin Street	Retired, Supt. of Streets, Town of Belchertown
Lefebvre, Norman F., Stebbins Street	Die-sinker, Moore Drop Forging Co., Chicopee
Loftus, Francis Jr., South Washington Street	Mixer Operator, Monsanto Chemical Co., Indian Orchard
Main, Kenneth H., Poole Road	Receiving Clerk C.F. & I. Steel Corp., Palmer
Mathras, Michael S. , East Walnut Street	Foreman Geni Instrument Corp., 165 Front Street, Chicopee-Selectman
McCallum, Earl G., Bay Road	Stock Clerk, Mass. Wholesale Drug Co., Springfield
McGowan, John W., South Liberty Street	Retired, Lead Foreman, Springfield Armory, Springfield
Meiklejohn, Thomas L., Gulf Road	Wood Pattern Maker, G & S Pattern Shop, 29 Logan Street, Springfield
Mikal, George A., Franklin Street	Supervisor of Building Maintenance, Farm Credit Banks of Springfield
Monnett, Richard E., State Street	Truck Driver, Freight Handler, Ranch Circle, Agawam
Morey, Robert C., North Washington Street	Manager, Drug Store & Package Store, Belchertown Pharmacy, Park Street, Belchertown
Papp, Walter L., Mill Valley Road	Retired, General Engineer, Westover Air Base, Chicopee
Perham, Donald E., Springfield Road	Molder, Springfield Foundry Co., 295 Pasco Road, Indian Orchard
Pratt, Richard D., Kimball Street	Vice President & General Manager, F.C. Taplin Co., Inc., 2005 Riverdale Road, West Springfield
Rhodes, Theodore C., Warren Wright Road	Carpenter Foreman, University of Mass., Amherst
Riedel, Robert W., Mill Valley Road	District Sales Manager, Monsanto Co., Springfield
Ross, Alexander F. Jr., Boardman Road	Cost Clerk, National Blank Book, Water Street, Chicopee
Setkewich, Stephen, Cold Spring Road	Supervisor of Maintenance, UniRoyal Tire Co., 154 Grove Street, Chicopee
Squires, Lewis E., Jabish Street	Maintenance Mechanic, Metro. District Comm., Belchertown
Terault, Leon J., North Street	Steam Plant Operator, Amherst College, Amherst
Terry, William A., Turkey Hill Road	Operations Officer, Valley Bank & Trust Co., 1351 Main St., Springfield
Thibeault, Wilfred J., North Washington Street	Foreman, Heat Treat, Department, American Bosch, Springfield
Vosburgh, William R., North Liberty Street	Laboratory Lead Analyst, Monsanto Chemical Co., Springfield
Watson, Arnold B., Federal Street	Retired, Assembler, Savage Arms
Whitcomb, Harlan, North Washington Street	Packer, Monsanto Co., Springfield
Wood, Walter F., South Washington Street	Coiler, UniRoyal, 154 Grove Street, Chicopee Falls

Female

Boynton, Hazel M., Main Street	Attendent Nurse, Kane Nursing Home 10 Lessey Street, Amherst, Widow
Chevalier, Roberta E., Sargent Street	Housewife (Chevalier, Wallace F.) Handyman, Belchertown State School, Belchertown)
Farrington, Rachael W., Sabin Street	Assistant Librarian, Clapp Memorial Library, Belchertown (Farrington, Frank E., Jr.) Second Class Power Plant Engineer, Belchertown State School, Belchertown, Mass.
Greene, Jennie T., Ware Road	Housewife, School Bus Driver (Greene, Hubert F.) Broiler Farmer, School Bus Contractor, Self Employed
Hawkins, Ethel H., Ware Road	Housewife, Widow
Jeger, Francis E., State Street	Retired, Secretary-bookkeeper, Widow, Chadbourne's, Belchertown
Lacey, Edith M., State Street	Housewife, Retired Teacher, Belchertown State School, Belchertown (Lacey, William J.) Retired, Belchertown State School, Belchertown
Lambert, Madeline O., So. Main Street	Retired, Teacher, Town of Belchertown, Widow
Moriarty, Stephanie M., Depot Street	Receptionist, Palmer Savings Bank, 485 North Main Street, Palmer, Mass. (Moriarty, Arthur J.) Moriarty Brothers (co-owner), 239 South Main Street, Palmer, Selectman of Belchertown
Terry, Barbara, Turkey Hill Road	Housewife (Terry, Donald M.) Self-employed, Turkey Hill Road, Belchertown

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Jesse Gay
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Assessor's Report

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

Total Appropriations to be raised by taxation	1,366,279.73
Total appropriations to be taken from available funds	91,940.18

Actual amount to be raised by taxes on property

Valuation	Tax rate 48.00	Tax assessed
Personal property	1,372,815.00	65,895.12
Real estate	18,342,140.00	880,422.72
	19,714,955.00	946,317.84

Abatements processed during 1970

Motor Vehicles (615)	14,482.53
Real estate (50)	2,986.00
Personal property (9)	866.00
Chap. a41 (Owners over 70) (60)	20,267.20
Chap. 22 (Veterans) (54)	6,023.60
Chap. 17 & 18 (7)	1,094.80

A Comparison

Year	Valuation	Tax Rate	Taxes Raised
1966	15,723,580.00	37.00	581,722.00
1967	16,935,640.00	40.00	677,425.00
1968	17,424,790.00	41.00	714,416.00
1969	18,114,630.00	46.00	833,272.00
1970	19,714,955.00	48.00	946,317.84
Increase in 5 years			
	3,991,375.00	11.00	364,545.84

The approximate amount of appropriations that require a $1.00 increase in the tax rate is 18,000.00 and it is necessary to add approximately 400,000. in new valuations to offset a $1.00 increase.

Copies of real estate transfers have been transmitted by the Registry of Deeds to this office for checking and establishment of ownership changes.

Building permits issued have been sent to this office requiring the proper identification, location, progress of construction and values, which must be properly indexed and filed for further progress and completion valuation.

Reconstruction, renovation and conversion of homes and camps into year around housing have made many adjustments in valuations necessary and this activity is still on the rise.

The completion of the transmission line of the Western Mass. Electric Co. through the town has substantially added to the personal property tax revenue.

As authorized by vote of the town, after advertising and calling for bids, a contract in the amount of $19,000 (the low bid) was awarded to the Gordon E. Ainsworth & Associates Co. for tax maps. This contract will require two years to complete, but indications are that part of the material will be available to this Board during 1971.

Land taking by public agencies are still a threat to our tax base and should be of deep concern to our residents.

As required by State law, another duty was added to this Board during 1970, that of promulgating and establishing a tax rate for the Belchertown Water District. This together with setting up a new file system, has increased the already voluminous paper work in this office.

Mr. J. Bernard Bowler elected to this Board in March 1970, was taken by death Nov. 30, 1970.

Regular meetings of this Board are on the first and third Mondays of each month, from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. The office in the basement of Memorial Hall is open from 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:30 daily, Monday thru Friday.

Issac A. Hodgen, Chairman
Samuel J. Joyal

Highway Department Report

In making this report on the highways, I would first like to thank the members of the Highway Department for their cooperation during the year. I now feel that we have really established a good working system.

We are now able to report that the paved roads exceed the gravel roads. Nearly ten years of programming and work was required to reverse this statistic. It is fair to say that approximately 60 per cent of our roads are paved, and several other roads are at the stage where they will be ready to pave in 1971. The remaining gravelled roads are programmed for paving in the near future.

Our main routes into Belchertown, such as Routes 9, 202, 181, and 21 have been re-surfaced with bituminous concrete. Before this was done existing drainage was brought up to par, new drainage was added and shoulders were widened. Route 21, which is only partially done, is the target for re-surfacing this coming year. We also hope to start a major re-surfacing project on Three Rivers Road. Funds for this type of project come from Chapter 90 Maintenance.

As we have stated in the past, we have concentrated our main efforts on school bus and mail routes. Since 1960, sixteen roads have been completed.

Our Chapter 90 Construction work for the next few years will involve the reconstruction of Bay Road, starting from the Amherst Town line and heading toward Belchertown. I am sure this has been of great concern to many, but this project has been set-up through planning over the past several years. Our goal is to link Granby and Belchertown with a much needed, improved road to the Amherst—Northampton area; thus Stebbins Street, which was the first phase of the project, was completed. This was the most heavily travelled road, and in the poorest condition, at the time.

The existing Bay Road was not acceptable for reconstruction on the present layout. Land damages would have been exorbitant, and the Mass. Department of Public Works, which makes the initial approval, stated this route was not acceptable. (Approval is necessary as we use 50 per cent State funds, 25 per cent County funds and 25 per cent Town funds on a 90 Construction project.) The Board approved the layout presented by the Mass. Department of Public Works, and we are now on the first stage of construction.

We have been fortunate in that the land owners and this Board have been able to come to an agreement as to damages for takings and easements.

We were fully aware of the large area which needed to be filled. Approximately 20 thousand yards of fill was removed from the existing site. Subsequently we entired in to an agreement with the Snows, and they donated another 10 thousand yards, for which we are grateful.

We hope to bring this road up to driving condition this year, and look for surfacing in 1972. (Total funds to be expended in 1971 will be in the vicinity of $30,000.00)

Our second major construction project was the resurfacing of Federal Street, better known as Route 9, from the junction of Route 202 to the Bay Road intersection. This road was widened, and drainage was improved and added to the section. Final re-paving is scheduled for this summer. We feel that improvement was necessary as this section is heavily travelled and was in poor condition.

In regards to our winter snow removal, thirteen outside vehicles and our own Town equipment are required to keep our streets cleared. We put every effort into making our roads as passable as possible for safe driving. We now have four automatic sanders. The spreading of salt and sand can now be accomplished very efficiently and quickly.

Our equipment is in excellent shape and is well updated, thanks to the taxpayers. We are experiencing very little break-down time, which is a saving to the community. We are asking for one automatic sander this year, and in 1972 will request a new dump truck. We are trying to replace our trucks, before maintenance becomes costly, over a five to six year period.

Unfortunately, in 1971, there will be no bond issue money, such as the Chapter 768 funds which we received in 1970. We have applied for these funds through the League of Cities and Towns in the hope that the Legislature will vote a 15 million dollar bond issue. However, even if it is voted later this year, we will not benefit directly from the bond issue money in 1971.

We have established a good working system with our employees. They now receive a satisfactory weeks pay, plus paid vacations, paid holidays and sick leave. We feel that if the personnel cooperates and gets the job done, they should be entitled to this type of benefit. These pay scales and benefits are based on what we find the surrounding Towns are giving to their employees.

In looking to the future, the Town will have to see its way clear to build a new Highway Department garage. We are now in the process of looking into this matter.

Wm. Gerry Whitlock
Liason—Highway Department

Police Department Report

Called

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown,
Massachusetts

Board of Selectmen

I hereby submit my annual report for the Police Department for 1970. Following are listed the offenses prosecuted in the District Court of Northampton during the year 1970.

Attaching Plates	4
Operation under Suspension	2
Receiving Stolen Property	1
Illegitmacy	2
Stubborn Child	1
Statutory Rape	1
Carrying Weapons	2
Assault with Deadly Weapon	1
Labor Law Violation	1
Juvenile Cases	13
Speeding	131
Driving to Endanger	33
Driving while under Influence	9
Unregistered & Uninsured	17
Stop Sign	37
Rules and Regulations of Road Laws	56
Leaving Scene of Property Damage	6
Town-By-Laws Junk Cars	8
No Licence or Registration in possession	26
Using Car Without Authority	3
Drug Cases	13
Malicious Injury to Personal Property	5
Drunkeness	26
Disturbing the Peace	9
Breaking and Entering	2
Fish and Game Laws	25
Trespassing	8
Minor with Liquor in Vehicle	7
Open & Gross Lewdness	10
Unlicensed Dogs	18
Assault and Battery	15
Neglect & Non-Support	4
Larceny	6

Total offenses issued in Northampton District Court—492. There were 299 accidents reported and investigated in 1970, an increase of 67 over last year. There were 3 fatal accidents in 1970, compared to 4 in 1969. Fatal accidents require many man hours of work on the local level, with help from the Registry of Motor Vehicles. We assisted other Police Departments in locating people without phones, delivering messages, etc. 59 times. This department has investigated 791 complaints, made 61 arrests and 452 cases were proscecuted by me in court. The cruiser mileage was 51,748 miles, an increase over last year. The use of two cruisers gives better coverage and we can now answer emergency calls quicker as the cruisers are out in 2 sections of the town at the same time. The ambulance was used 137 times, an increase of 16 times over last year—to take people to the Hospital or Nursing Homes. It is used only on Doctors orders, or in case of an emergency. When no Doctor is available, a call is made to the hospital to see if the patient will be received. This saves time and in case the hospital says no we can try another hospital. The time is coming when the Town will have to purchase a new ambulance to replace the one now in use. The Police Association is doing all in its power to raise money, but they will need more help. They are trying to ease the burden on the taxpayer by running raffles. The Police Association keeps the ambulance equipped with the latest equipment and the men that operate it have First Aid Cards which are required by law. The men are called away from their work quite often as sickness and accidents happen at all hours. I would like to thank the employees who release the men to do this.

70 Pistol Permits were issued in 1970. Finger printing is required on all pistol permits. 79 I.D. Cards were issued in 1970. These cards are required to buy ammunition, guns, etc. 7 Licenses for Dealers in Guns and Ammunition were issued in 1970.

This past year, three Sergeants were appointed in the Department. This enables me to have a superior officer on the desk most of the time. The Department consists of myself as a full-time Chief, a Deputy Chief, 3 Sgts., 1 Police Woman and 8 Patrolmen. The department needs one or two more full time men.

We have checked vacationers homes 435 times this past year. In checking other buildings, we have found 153 doors and windows open.

I have conducted classes at least twice a month, giving the men the benefit of my schooling and the knowledge I attained while attending the course at Westfield this past year. I would like to thank the Police Departments of the surrounding towns, the Metropolitan District Police for their help and for answering our phones on a stand-by basis, the State Police, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the District Court Officials in Northampton, and our local Fire Chief and his men for the help and cooperation they have given to me and my department.

My sincere thanks to the townspeople who have cooperated with this department during the past year.

Ernest M. Gay
Chief of Police

Fire Department Report

Town of Belchertown
Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Fire Department responded to a total of 75 calls during the year 1970. These calls consisted of the following:

Building fires	27
Vehicle fires	6
Brush and grass fires	33
Airplane search	1
False Alarms	3
Resuscitator	1
Auto accidents	4

The total losses for the year were: Buildings $11,600.00; Contents $10,950.00.

Our major project for the year is building a new fire truck. There has been good progress made during this winter, and we hope for completion by spring.

I most earnestly recommend that a street numbering system be placed in use as soon as possible. With the increased growth of our town, the frequent "turn-over" of inhabitants, and the length of some of our rural roads and streets, it becomes increasingly difficult to describe accurately the location of a fire call.

This service should be initiated at a reasonable cost, and could possibly save a life, or prevent a serious property damage loss.

As in the past, the cooperation of the Police Dept. has proved of great help to our department. I extend my thanks to Chief Gay for help given by him and his force.

Our State-School operators continue to provide efficient answering service. Without this completely volunteer effort, we would be faced with a complex expensive alarm system. My continued thanks to these faithful women.

Respectfully submitted,
Louis E. Fuller
Chief of Fire Department

List of Belchertown Fire Dept. Personnel

Louis E. Fuller	Chief
Carl J. Peterson	Asst. Chief
William Squires	Asst. Chief
Isaac Hodgen	Captain
Donald Bock	Lieutenant
Raymond Menard	Lieutenant
Sherman Gould	Lieutenant

Active members

David Auclair
Elwyn Bock
Harry Brougham
Albert Dewhurst
Edward L. Fuller
Edward Gates
Ernest M. Gay
Royal Gay
Paul Greene
Irving Hislop
David Hodgen
Hugh Hubbard, Jr.
Sam Joyal
Richard Knight
William Lewis
Richard McGinnis
F. R. Peeso
Roy Reece, Jr.
William Shattuck
Robert Smith
Kenneth Thayer
Herbert Wood

State School Operators

Jane Conklin
Helena Gaudreau
Clare Kelly
Betty Leavitt
Marguerite Mumford
Ruth Neville

Inactive members

Harold Peck
Fred Lincoln

Former Chief, M.C. Baggs

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Veterans' Agent Report

To the Board of Selectmen:

In 1970, the Veterans' Department has increased its budget to a staggering sum of $20,534.71. This does not include any unpaid bills, $422.39, as to date for 1970. This department has exceeded 71 per cent over fiscal 1969. Our budget for 1971 shows another increase over 1970, and will continue to rise.

It should be noted that there is no residency time required before Veterans may apply for aide. Therefore any honorably discharged Veteran is eligible to apply for benefits. The year 1970 showed an increase of better than 250 per cent over 1969 applicants. Some of the increase is due to returning Veterans, unemployment and transfers from other towns. Many hours have been spent in the writing and the checking of these applicants. I have helped applicants interested in securing domiciliary care, those interested in G.I. Schooling, preparing Federal Questionaires, Information as to where to secure copies of lost or misplaced discharges and numerous letters and phone calls to Boston on various other problems. Several applicants requiring immediate aid were referred to the Susan Bridgman Fund, because of the time element in processing their applications.

It would be appreciated if the Town could provide an office in which applicants could provide personal information in the office of the Veterans' Department on Tuesday night, without being interrupted by special meetings and other interferences.

In closing I would like to state that we are fortunate in receiving approximately fifty percent reimbursement from the State, of the money spent by the Veterans' Department.

Earl F. Henrichon
Veterans' Agent

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Board of Health Report

The Board of Health met in twelve regular monthly, and one special, meetings in 1970.

The Board, with the cooperation of the School Department, Dr. Kenneth Collard and Mrs. Tirzah Juskalian, RN School Nurse, administered the following:

Smallpox vaccinations	36
German Measles Vaccine	266
Polio Vaccine	53
Influenza Shots	48

Twenty-six individual Sewage Disposal Systems, at the time of installation, were inspected. These must be in compliance with Public Health Regulations.

The following communicable diseases were reported to the Board: This includes those at the Belchertown State School.

Chicken Pox	15
Strept Throat	6
German Measles	1
Mumps	9
Scarlet Fever	1
Tuberculosis	1
Hepatitis	1
Dysentery	9
Animal Bites	20

Mr. Edward Czupkiewicz was appointed as Inspector of Plumbing to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Del Lajeunesse. He made twenty-four plumbing inspections since May.

Although the Board has sponsored several immunization clinics, the need is obvious for more extensive community health services such as district nursing services, pre-natal clinics, well child conferences and other similar services.

James Bonafini, Chairman
Charlotte P. Ketchen, Secretary
Miles Hubler

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Board of Health
Belchertown Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

All inspections ordered by the Division of Animal Health have been completed and requirements of Section 19, Chapter 129 of the General Laws of Massachusetts have been complied with and reports filed with the Division at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

There were seven shipments of cattle received in Town from other states. These were identified and released per order of the Division.

There were 56 visits made to quarantine and examine dogs known to have bitten persons. None showed symptoms of rabies and were released after 10 days.

Respectfully submitted,
Lewis J. Austin,
Inspector of Animals

called

Agent - Sanitarian Report

To: The Honorable Board of Health, Belchertown, Massachusetts

As Agent—Sanitarian for the Board of Health, I respectfully submit my annual report for 1970.

During 1970, regular inspections were made on ten Food Service Establishments in accordance with Article X of the Sanitary Code of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

One bakery, three retail food service establishments, two egg canning establishments, one trailer park and one motel were issued licenses.

Thirty five temporary food service establishments were issued licenses and inspected during the Belchertown Fair.

During the summer months, regular inspections were made at the town beach and bath house. Monthly samples of water were taken from the bath house and from the lake. All samples complied with the standards required for drinking and swimming purposes.

At intervals water samples were taken from several trailers in the trailer park.

One recreational camp for children was granted a license and inspected during operation.

Four public health nuisance complaints were investigated and appropriate action was taken to have the nuisances corrected.

Consultation was provided to the Board of Health on matters which pertained to public health problems.

I wish to extend to the people of Belchertown for the fine cooperation extended to me.

Respectfully submitted,
John A. Brickett, R.S.
Agent—Sanitarian

Bd Health

called

Dog Officer Report

I hereby submit my annual report as Dog Officer for the Town of Belchertown, for 1970.

Stray dogs	97
Found owners	40
Dogs killed by cars	23
Dog complaints investigated	30

After receiving the annual dog warrant, there were 263 unlicensed dogs. By sending cards to each, these were brought down to fifteen, who received court summons.

The new state law that requires that all dogs must have rabies shots to receive dog tags went into effect this year. We ran two rabies clinics in May at the old town hall.

The town ordinance that all dogs be restrained to their own property is still in effect.

Wallace Chevalier
Dog Officer

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called

Sewer Commission Report

Seven new connections to the system were installed during the year, which brings the total to 291 services in addition to our schools and other public buildings.

A new electric sewer cleaning machine was purchased and is expected to be more effective in clearing roots from branch lines etc.

Our most serious problem is from infiltration during high water periods. The replacement of pipe in several areas will be necessary to bring this down to a minimum. It is hoped that Federal or State funds may become available to help alleviate this expense. It has been found that several illegal connections from sump pumps and floor drains is sharply adding to this problem. A much higher sewer charge is expected to be imposed to these various places until this has been corrected.

As usual all sewer stoppages in the system were given our prompt attention. Clearing of brush, inspection and repair of manholes, servicing of meters and clocks at no. 1 and no. 2 meter houses and painting of these buildings was completed.

It has been a pleasure to work with, and receive the cooperation of the residents, Town and State School Officials throughout the year.

D. Donald Hazen
Harry L. Brougham

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07 Bill Squires

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Report of Tree Warden & Local Supt. of Insect Pest Control

I herewith submit my report for 1970 as Tree Warden and Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control.

Tree Warden: This department did the usual amount of trimming low, dead, and dangerous limbs, removal of thirty trees, and planted twenty Rock Maples in various sections of town. There were three bad storms which caused much work to be done.

Dutch Elm Disease: Twenty-five Elm Trees were sampled for Dutch Elm Disease. Of these, fifteen were removed, along with eighteen from last year.

Insect Pest Control Dept: The Elm Trees were sprayed twice with Methoxychlor. Other trees were sprayed about town for various tree pests.

Albert W. Brown
Tree Warden & Local Supt.
Of Insect Pest Control

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Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

Tested and Sealed—Jan. 1, 1970—Dec. 31, 1970

Scales over 10,000 lbs.	1
Scales 100 lbs. to 5,000 lbs.	6
Scales under 100 lbs.	13
Avoirdupois Weights	18
Apathecary Troy Weights	7
Gasoline Pumps	28
Vehicle Tanks	3
Kero. pumps	8
Grease pumps	8
Cloth measuring devices	4
Yard sticks	7

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer fees amounting to $158.50.

Upon request of the State, I have replaced my small weights with a kit of weights consisting of the following:

30—1 lb. weights
3—1 lb. Button type
3—1 oz. weight
2—½ oz. weight
2—¼ oz. weight
1—carrying case

Royal K. Gay
Sealer of Weights and Measures

Belchertown School Committee Report

To the citizens of Belchertown:

As public education becomes more complicated and more expensive, your school committee has endeavored to continue the effective work of past committees. Our efforts to provide maximum education for the tax dollars expended have required many hours of our time. We have continued to support the expanded use of our school facilities for Adult Education and other public functions. We have worked with the Administration to encourage curriculum developments providing more meaningful educational experience for our students. Education in the Seventies must be an ever changing experience and school committees must give support in all areas to make sure that our young people receive an education relevant to their needs.

As usual Plant Maintenance continues to play a major role in committee decisions as our buildings become older. The roof program at Cold Spring was continued as well as major drainage renovation. Memorial School received its annual upkeep and Center School at last acquired a safe and efficient oil burner. Our High School started to show its age and required new and replacement equipment in the showers, gyms and cafeteria. At Franklin School we embarked on a three to four year major renovation program. Starting in the cellar; excavation, cement walls, bulkheads, new modern furnace and ducts and new ceiling will give us the basics to turn Franklin School into a first class educational facility.

Retirement was the word in 1970 in several areas of the School Department; Mr. Harold Willy—School Committee Chairman for ten years and a Board Member for twelve years declined re-election, Miss Eleanor Fitzgerald—head teacher at Franklin School and a teacher in our system for 39 years retired in June as did Mr. George Dewey—Supervisor of Maintenance for many years. The efforts and talents of these fine people will be sorely missed by all of us.

There are many people responsible for our School System's success in 1970:

Our educational staff—constantly working to improve their skills while providing an effective learning experience for our young people.

Our administrative staff—providing spirited leadership while searching for new ways to make our system better both academically and financially.

A service staff—secretaries, cafeteria workers, teacher aides, custodians ever willing to provide full effort in their work.

Interested townspeople willing to serve on committees, raise funds, staff telephone campaigns, and do anything to further our schools success.

Town officials sympathetic to our problems, willing to support our decisions.

Taxpayers willing to provide the necessary dollars and votes to enable our youngsters to face the world with a chance for success and happiness.

The Belchertown School Committee commends you for your efforts. We know they will continue during 1971.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard D. Pratt, Chairman
Belchertown School Committee

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Members of the School Committee and the Citizens of Belchertown:

During 1970 our schools have continued to strive to educate each child to the maximum of his potential. To meet this need our staff has constantly investigated methods and programs which might give impetus to our educational goals. At the secondary level the various departments have reported as follows:

Art Department

The developing art program at the High School was carried on by Miss Gallant during Mr. Eastman's leave of absence for the 1969-70 school year. Highlights of Miss Gallant's year saw the art classes involved in Environmental studies centered around a field trip to Forest Park Zoo and an introduction to film as art media. Mr. Eastman returned in September from a year of graduate study in Art and Humanities at Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee. Since his return this Fall new procedures and techniques have been initiated to facilitate the individualization of instruction in art classes. Students are being encouraged to investigate plastics as an art medium. New art films and slide presentations have been used to acquaint students with the contemporary art scene. The adult art program continues to be popular with 18 people currently signed up for the Tuesday evening class.

Business Department

The Business Department has two major objectives:

1. To provide the student with the general business knowledge that is necessary for him to become an effective worker, citizen, and consumer in our society.

2. To prepare the student to be vocationally competent in his business career.

With these objectives in mind, the Department has updated its curriculum to meet changing social, economic, technological, and business needs. Units have been introduced covering new business terminology, the new occupational fields, data processing, computers, etc. During the past year two new machines have been added to the curriculum of the Office Machines course—an electronic calculator and a mimeoscope.

The Department has utilized speakers, office machine demonstrators, and field trips in order to bridge the gap between business and education.

English Department

The English Department spent 1970 planning new semester courses for September, 1971. Some of the Course offerings are expected to be: Speech and Drama, Mass Media, Highlights of American Literature, Creative Writing, Black Literature, Classics in World Literature, Poetry, Problems in Self-Identity, The Individual in Society, Utopia, Biography, Independent Study, Short Story, Grammar Review, The Novel, and Myth and Legend.

Industrial Arts Department

This year has seen a change in the program, with the addition to the Industrial Arts curriculum of Mechanical Drawing I and II.

The Mechanical Drawing course is open to students of grade 10 through grade 12. Mechanical Drawing I is designed to acquaint the student with geometrical form, space relations and drawing and reading simple blueprints. Every student is required to construct drawings of a house of his own choi ce.

Mechanical Drawing II is a continuation of Mechanical Drawing I with emphasis on blueprints, detail drawing, isometric views and structural drafting.

Industrial Arts I has been changed this year to a beginners course and introduces the students to basic hand tools and their uses. Other areas that are covered include wood technology, operation and maintenance of power equipment, designing, planning, cost estimating, etc. Also an introduction to drawing for effective dimensioning and depth.

New changes being planned for the school year of 1971-72 would include a Plastics course to familiarize the student with the potential of the fastest growing industry today. He would be aware of the processes, properties, employment opportunities etc. in this field of man-made synthetics which so abundantly surrounds him today.

Mathematics Department

The class of 1971 is the first class to have students complete what we call an accelerated program. These students are studying college mathematics in a college textbook. A review of high school mathematics is incorporated with the new material.

Revisions of the non-college preparatory mathematics program have been initiated at the ninth grade level. The change is from general mathematics (basic arithmetic skills) to elementary algebra (basic mathematics skills). The teacher of this course reports very satisfactory results. The change reflects a general trend to revise the mathematics curriculum in such a way that general or applied mathematics courses are being replaced by two year courses in elementary algebra and two year courses in elementary geometry. The change should help prepare the non-college bound student for technical school beyond grade twelve.

Beyond the existing college-preparatory program, two areas of mathematics should be added to the curriculum as half year courses as soon as possible: i) probability and statistics, and ii) computer mathematics.

Science Department

Semester courses in Soil Science, Woodland Ecology, Science Survey, Laboratory Technique along with modified Chemistry Study and modified PSSC Physics were implemented in 1970.

Ecology continues as the most relevant theme in Biology Classes and seasonal studies at Quabbin Reservoir, Gate 5, represent highlights of the program.

Laboratory Technique students initiated "Project Shrub" and through their efforts, all students, Grades 8-12, contributed time, labor, and money to the project. Armed with rakes and shovels, students weeded out the Ivy patch in front of the cafeteria and planted yews and flowering shrubs to enhance the entrance to the school.

Students attended Science in Action and the Junior Science & Humanities Symposium at the University of Massachusetts.

Other students also participated in the Oceonographic Institute at Boston University.

Future plans include: (1) An Honors Biology program geared for individualized instruction and (2) Continued efforts to implement a laboratory oriented Jr. High program.

Social Studies Department

The Social Studies Department, in the last calendar year, has changed its curriculum in order to make it more relevant, interesting and varied. The Social Studies Department now offers two year courses in U.S. History. The number of junior-senior electives has been increased. The Department now offers half-year courses in Sociology, Psychology, Contemporary American Political Thought, Survey of Non-Western Civilizations, Latin American History, and Afro-American History. The Social Studies Department has offered a series of full-length movies which have been used as a basis of discussion of historical as well as social questions. There have also been numerous outside speakers who have added to the knowledge of the students.

The Social Studies Department hopes to have team-teaching with the English, Science, Art, and Spanish departments. Also planned is a social studies fair in which the students can build projects, write reports, and create works which will be on display for the parents at an open-house or back-to-school-night.

Remedial Reading

To increase the amount of time pupils are able to spend on practice and application of lessons presented, the classroom is arranged so that while one group works with the teacher several other groups can use self-directing, self-correcting materials. This extra time spent in a controlled atmosphere makes a significant difference in the degree of progress.

Tutorial aid from students interested in teaching or rendering service has been valuable added help for some who profit greatly from the one to one ratio.

With the funds from Title III there is now a sufficient amount of equipment and materials. However, with the constant flow of new and more desirable machines and printed matter there will always be one more thing to try.

Band

Fund raising plans are being formulated by the Belchertown Music Crusaders and the Band to implement purchase of uniforms and foundation instruments for both High School and Elementary Bands.

The musicianship of all Band members is only exceeded by their spirit and determination to progress in a manner that will bring credit to the school and community. Parent and friend support is the key-note for the continuing motivation of these students in their effort to provide Belchertown with musical culture.

Drama Department

The drama program of 1970 included the three-act comedy entitled "Off the Track", written by Felicia Metcalf. This production was incorporated into the M.A.D. Festival of music, art, dance and drama which is now an annual presentation that takes place at Belchertown Jr.-Sr. High School every spring.

"Off the Track" was presented at 8:00 p.m. on May 17th and 18th, 1970 in the Music Assembly hall of the school. It was well received by an appreciative audience, and profits gained from this production contributed to the M.A.D. Festival budget for 1971.

Future plans for the drama program include possible expansion into the school's regular program of studies. An elective course in Speech and Drama is being planned that could become part of the English curriculum for the high school. It is felt that this course would prove to be academically rewarding, since it would provide students with a closer and deeper exposure to the dramatic arts. In addition to this, such an elective would prepare more students for participation in a drama program that is solely extra-curricular at the present.

Foreign Languages Department

Three language programs are available to the students in grades 9-12; French, Spanish, and Latin.

Four levels of French are still offered. Students in Levels III and IV continue with grammar structures, increased literature and an opportunity for individual study. This program is usually recommended for college preparatory students. An alternate third year, concentrating on French Culture, History and Literature, geared to the mastery of reading and comprehension as well as a mastery of grammar skills is being considered for next year.

The Spanish Department of the last calendar year has added a Spanish III course to the curriculum.

Spanish III supplements Spanish I and II which have been offered within the last four years. The study of Latin American and Spanish social customs, political systems, literature and history have been added with conversational and grammatical structures.

It is anticipated that a Spanish IV course will be offered next year.

Physical Education Department

The Physical Education Department for grades 7-12 included a continuing development in skills, fitness, knowledge and understanding through various activities. With the emphasis placed on developing beginning skills on the junior high level and advanced skills on the senior high level, a program was set up to meet the individual needs of the students. These needs were met through such varying activities as field hockey for girls, flag football and wrestling for boys, soccer, co-educational volleyball and badminton, basketball, tumbling and gymnastics, track and field, physical fitness testing, and softball. For the coming year, (1970), a new unit in Modern dance will be taught to meet the needs and interests of all the girls who have expressed a desire to participate in dance activities.

With the addition of an elementary physical education teacher to our staff, more time has been provided for the development of our continuing program on the secondary level. For the girls, a Leaders' Corps has been established whereas junior and senior girls volunteer their time to assist in conducting some classes. This has proven to be very successful, and it offers the opportunity to develop fine leadership qualities.

Guidance Department

The Year of 1970 was again a productive year for the Guidance staff.

As usual, the variety of job opportunities prevail out of town and transportation becomes a problem for our graduates seeking employment. However, transportation is not the only problem facing our graduates today. The number of jobs available appear to be fewer and to compound this the competition for those jobs available is much keener. Experience and training are becoming key factors which our graduates compete against. Because of the lack of business and industry in Belchertown our graduates have some problems securing employment. For the same reason our undergraduates have a problem securing part-time employment after school and on our limited Work-Study Program and as a result lack the all-important factor of experience when seeking full-time employment after graduation.

Students at the Junior High level have lost the services of Mr. Millett due to increased activity at the Elementary level and the institution of a Perceptually Handicapped Program. The asset of Mr. Millett has been greatly enhanced due to his certification as a qualified School Psychologist. This fact has certainly provided many benefits to our Elementary School children. Mr. Millett again conducted group dynamic workshops for our teachers.

The Program of Studies has been revised again to provide a more meaningful program and subjects for the students in the high school. Courses are continually being re-evaluated and changed to meet the changing needs of the students. The staff has initiated plans to revise the Industrial Arts and Household Arts programs to provide a more meaningful and up-to-date experience for the students at the Junior-Senior High School. The decrease in jobs available, the lack of experience necessary, and the inadequacy of the present programs necessitate more adequate provisions in these areas.

To deal with the drug problem programs have been conducted and are being planned for the future to help in this area. Student groups have been organized and committees formed to work out these plans and initiate programs. A School Drug Policy is currently being initiated for the Jr. Sr. high school by the faculty-student council committee.

Scholarships awarded at Graduation:

Walter L. Papp Memorial Scholarship	Richard I. Cole
Belchertown Registered Nurses Association Scholarship	Mary Wadsworth
Student Council Scholarship	David Johnson
Belchertown Teachers Association Scholarship	Ann White
Edward Arthur Henrichon, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Susan Rioux—Did not attend school. Awarded to—	Barbara Menard Irene Theroux, Jacob Neggers, Rosiland Moreau
Holland Family Award	Mary Wadsworth
American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship	Deborah Whidden
Parent-Teachers Organization Scholarship	Jacob Neggers Richard Hebert
The Steeple Memorial	Linda Nolan

The Work-Study Program has been re-instated on a very limited basis due to scheduling problems and limited opportunities for employment.

We are again participating in the Neighborhood Youth Corps Program with five students placed in positions throughout the Jr.-Sr. High School.

The Class of 1971 hosted the Annual Senior Reception for past graduates of any class but particularly for those of the Class of 1970. The reception was held on December 23, 1970 in the Household Arts room at the Junior-Senior High School.

Several college, business, and industry representatives visited the Junior-Senior High School to meet with interested seniors. This has some advantages for our students as it saves visits to these places and provides valuable information.

CLASS OF 1970

Ablicki, Michael Daniel
Barrett, Pamela Mae
Bosworth, Alison Dawn
Bronner, Charleen Joy
Capen, Karen Lou
Chudy, John Frank
Cole, Richard Irving
Czupkiewicz, Edward Francis
*Dorey, Kenneth Aldon
Downing, Janet B.
Farrington, Craig Whitehouse
Fleming, Evelyn Mae
Forgette, Gerald Alan
Goodreau, David Paul
Guyer, William James
Handzel, Deborah G.
Hebert, Richard Robert
Hutchinson, Richard Roland
Isaac, Kenneth Edwin
Issac, Kenneth Edwin
Jenks, Dennis Osman
*Johnson, David Alan
Judkins, Alan Randolf
Kopacz, John Joseph
*Krol, Mary Ann
Lachance, John Guy
Lagrant, Raymond Paul
*Lavigne, Carol Ann
Leclerc, Roland Albert
Lecours, David Alexander
Lussier, Maria Anne
Maiers, Donna Mae
Menard, Barbara Ann
Moreau, Rosalind Ann
Morey, Hazel Ann
Nadeau, Philip Paul
*Neggers, Jacob Leonardus
*Nolan, Linda Jean
O'Donnell, Cathy Ann
Officer, Bruce Allen
Opalenik, Robert Steven
Opielowski, Sandra Lyn
Pinkos, Lawrence
Pinkos, Lawrence Patrick
Plant, Pamela Ann
Plant, Richard Alan
*Rioux, Jacqueline Paulette
*Rioux, Susan Marie
Ritter, Gloria Ann
Shattuck, Thomas Windsor
Shaw, Susan Jane
*Smith, Bruce Allen
*Smith, Lawrence Andrew
Socha, Richard Michael
Stokosa, Rose Ann
Squires, Robert James
*Theroux, Irene Denise
Trottier, Raymond Clifford
Vosburgh, Norma Davida
Wall, Debra Ann
*Wadsworth, Mary Frances
Whidden, Deborah Elizabeth
*White, Ann Marie
Wood, Robery Wayne

(*) National Honor Society

The Student Council

This year, 1970, the council again took an active role in charity drives such as the school collection for Cancer research and the town collection for the St. Jude Drive for Leukemia ($224.00). The Citizen of the Month is sponsored by the council and the faculty to honor outstanding students in school. Other annual activities of the council include the donation of a $100.00 college scholarship to a graduating senior, the parking of cars on Fair Day to raise money for this scholarship, the operation of a student bookstore, the programming of a series of assemblies and morning announcements, and the publication of a student handbook.

The latest activity this past year was the sponsoring of a foreign exchange student from Arequipa, Peru, South America in December. The council also promoted a Get-Out-The-Vote Campaign to urge students and parents to vote. In December the council was active in the program for two days of mini-courses.

The School Citizen of The Year was Robert Opalenik.

National Honor Society

The National Honor Society held its 3rd annual induction on Thursday, April 2, 1970 at 8 p.m. at which time 20 members were inducted. The main speaker was Dr. Howard G. Spaulding, Professor, School of Education at the University of Massachusetts. Members are:

Mary Ann Krol, President
Mary Wadsworth, Secretary
Ann White
Kenneth Dorey
Jacob Neggers
David Johnson
Shirley Thayer
William McCrea
Franklin Alden
Michael Hayward
Diane Ducharme
Rachel Beauregard
Geraldine Amprimo
Irene Theroux
Bruce Smith, Vice-Pres.
Susan Rioux, Treasurer
Lawrence Smith
Linda Nolan
Mary Pietryka
Fredrica Very
Lisette Lachance
Carol Lavigne
Sandra Samson
Jane Robinson
Bonnie Neggers
Lynn Fantom
Debra Morey
Jacqueline Rioux

Sophomore Probationary Members:

Cynthia White
Amy Dickinson
Irene Czupryna
Yvette Rioux
Sharon Mechonski
Edward Curry
James Walker
Donna Lacombe
Jane Rhodes
Nettie Pepe
Joyce Knapp
Andrew Leduc
Michael Couture
Darwin Hess
Nicholas Wisnewski

Elementary Education

In the Elementary Schools new programs that were carried on in 1970 and being planned for 1971 are as follows:

1. A very successful modern innovative science workshop for teachers was held for three weeks during the summer of 1970 to train teachers to use the Science Curriculum Improvement Study (S.C.I.S.). This innovative science program for elementary pupils began in all elementary schools in September, 1970.

2. An innovative social studies program was introduced in all fifth grades in September, 1970. The program called "Man—A Course of Study" has been very well received by pupils and teachers alike.

3. An excellent group dynamics workshop for teachers was held by the Guidance Counselor in 1970 and will be held in 1971.

4. The Future Teachers of America Tutorial program was again held in 1970. In this program high school youngsters tutor elementary pupils in reading and math at the elementary schools on a weekly basis.

5. A new pilot program in social studies is being carried on at the Cold Spring School in Grades K—3

during the school year 1970-71. This program called the Greater Cleveland Social Studies program has been received very well and may be adopted in the near future.

6. Another new program introduced in 1970 was a Learning Disability Program under the direction of Mrs. Mary Avery. The children in this program are given special motor training as well as a highly structured approach to reading, writing and spelling.

Remediation for the children in this program is provided on three levels: Perceptual training, remedial reading and physical education.

7. The Pupil Personnel Services Committee continued to operate in 1970. This committee was formed to help children having serious problems in learning. The committee is composed of the principal, supervisor of reading and perceptually handicapped, the guidance counselor and the school nurse.

8. Individual Parent-Teacher Conferences were held again in 1970 with over 80 per cent of the parents in attendance. These conferences have proven very successful year after year.

9. A Title I program called Project Awareness was held during the summer of 1970. This program placed its emphasis on unmet educational needs and concentrated on nonacademic qualities such as self-identity, self-acceptance and adequate self-image which are so very important in the learning process. Project Awareness proved very successful and will be held again during the summer of 1971.

10. A great boost to education in Belchertown was the start of the Kindergarten program in September, 1970. Approximately 115 children are enrolled in 2 sessions at Cold Spring School with 2 teachers.

Federal Projects

In 1970 the Belchertown Public Schools have continued to utilize all possible Federal Funds to improve our programs at no cost to the local tax payer. Projects have been written by the Administration and staff to secure Belchertown's share of these funds. The use of some of these funds has enabled us to pay for items included in our school budget and has helped to make possible the large unexpended balance of $21,011.22 which the School Committee has returned to the Town as of December 31, 1970.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Members of the School Committee, past and present, School Department staff and other Town Departments who have assisted the School Department, parents, Community leaders, and pupils, all of whom who have given so much to attain the constant objective of developing to the fullest the abilities of each and every pupil in our schools.

Respectfully submitted
John B. Curry, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget 1970	$938,466.00	
Less P.L. 874	12,794.00	
		$925,672.00
Expenditures 1970	904,660.78	
Unexpended 1970	21,011.22	
Reimbursements:		
Paid to Town of Belchertown from Sources Other than local taxation		$329,070.77
A. Chapter 70 (School Aid)	260,176.60	
B. Chapter 71 (Trans.)	47,738.48	
C. Chapter 69 (Special Ed.)	8,859.00	
D. Chapter 76 (State Wards)	4,957.69	
E. Chapter 74 (Vocational Education) $5,422 + $579.00	6,001.00	
F. Tuition payments	1,338.00	
	329,070.77	

Recapitulations:	
Total Cost of Schools	904,660.78
Offset to 1971 taxes	329,070.77
Actual Cost to Town 1970	575,590.01
Actual Cost to Town 1969	567,168.19

Proposed Budget 1971

Category	Budget 1970	Budget 1971	Increase	Per Cent Increase
ADMINISTRATION	31,795	33,230	1,435	4.5
INSTRUCTION	650,820	706,264	55,444	8.5
OTHER SERVICES	116,341	116,472	131	.01
MAINTENANCE	108,240	117,800	9,560	8.9

FIXED CHARGES	72	83	11	15.0
FIXED ASSETS	5,318	0	0	0
PROGRAMS OTHER SCHOOLS	25,880	35,430	9,550	37.0
TOTAL	938,466	1,009,279	70,813	7.5
P.L. 874	12,794	6,717		
	925,672	1,002,562		

Classification of School Expenditures, 1970

1000—GENERAL CONTROL

School Committee Expense	$ 486.20
Superintendent of Schools:	
Salaries:	
Superintendent and Clerical	29,660.16
Expense:	
Travel, Printing, Office Supplies, Advertising and Dues	1,598.45
	$ 31,744.81

2000—INSTRUCTION

Salaries:	
Teachers, Principals, Supervisors, Adies, Substitutes, Tutoring, Driver Ed.	$544,043.13
Supervision Expenses:	
Clerical Salaries and Office Supplies	15,310.60
Instructional Supplies and Textbooks	69,254.67
	$628,608.40

3000—OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Salaries and Expenses:		
Law Enforcement		$ 150.00
Health		8,747.63
Food Services		11,943.52
Transportation:		
Regular Routes	72,949.09	
Field Trips	1,415.00	
		74,364.09
Athletics		11,403.16
Student Activity		358.00
		$106,966.40

4000—OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Salaries: Custodial	$ 46,361.76
Expense:	
Supplies and Utilities	28,825.22
Maint. and Repairs	32,980.32
	$108,167.30

5000—FIXED CHARGES

Expense:	
Band equipment insurance and truck registration	0

7000—ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS

Expense:	
Audio Visual and Library and Kindergarten Equipment	$5,313.78

9000—PROGRAMS WITH OTHER SCHOOLS

Vocational Education	
Tuition, EPA	$ 471.75
Tuition, Day	18,340.34
Transportation	5,048.00
	$23,860.09

TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENDITURES	$904,660.78

Pathfinder Regional School Committee

The Board of Selectmen
Belchertown,
Massachusetts

Annual Report—1970

1970 was a year of victories and defeats for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District.

In November of 1969, an amendment to the Agreement, allowing the Town of Ware to withdraw from the District, was voted by the Pathfinder Committee and early in 1970 the six member towns were in the process of approving the amendment. (Ware was officially voted out of the District in March of 1970).

The smaller District was still plagued by problems—mostly financial in nature. The Committee investigated various sources of additional aid and discovered that the District was almost eligible for maximum (65 per cent) aid from School Building Assistance. Only a technicality of boundary lines which define statistical areas kept the grant at the lower level. Therefore, Representative Alexander Lolas of Monson, along with Senator Philip A. Quinn and Representatives James R. Nolen and Robert D. Wetmore, drafted a bill in the State legislature to increase aid to the Pathfinder District from 44 per cent to 65 per cent. House Bill 5430 (formerly 3246) passed through the Joint Committee on Education, the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Ways and Means Committee with favorable reports. It was approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate; and, on June 30, was signed into law by Governor Francis Sargent. A great deal of time and effort was spent keeping this bill alive and moving. Former Superintendent-Director, Vincent Catacchio, and Representative Lolas, assisted by others from time to time, really convinced the legislators of the necessity of vocational-technical education in this area and the urgent need for additional aid.

Passage of the "Pathfinder Bill" raised the total reimbursements to 80 per cent—65 per cent in State aid, 10 per cent from the Federal Government and 5 per cent for planning costs. At last we had a financial package that we were proud to take to the towns. During the summer, Superintendent Catacchio worked with Richard Rosane, our architect, and with Richard O'Meara, our fiscal advisor, to develop a new Pathfinder proposal for the five towns.

The new proposal called for a school for 510 students with core facilities for 750. This school was to be considered the first step in a multi-phase project. Initial disciplines that would be offered included: foods and clothing, consumer education and personal care, cosmetology and health service assistant; carpentry (mill work, cabinetmaking and house building), agriculture, auto mechanics, machine drafting, electrical trades, machine shop, electronics, painting and decorating. The school would have about twelve shops and eleven related classrooms, a science room, music room, eight academic classrooms, library, gymnasium, cafeteria, administrative and guidance offices and health facilities. As well as day classes, there would be late-in-the-day classes for adults and possibly some post-graduate courses plus special training for handicapped persons.

On September 8, the Pathfinder Committee voted to incur debt of $3,900,000 for the above-described school and the five towns set dates for town meetings to vote on the appropriation. Monson voted approval 179 to 87, Palmer voted approval 313 to 81, New Braintree voted approval 70 to 8 and Belchertown voted approval 211 to 95; but Hardwick, in the throes of a tax revolt, did not approve the debt by a vote of 89 to 202. Later the same week, Hardwick voted to withdraw from the District and was officially voted out on December 17.

Following withdrawal of Hardwick, the Pathfinder office was moved from the Wheelwright School in Hardwick to 415 Main Street, Palmer, to keep the office within the District.

In order to expedite the project, the Pathfinder Committee immediately revised their proposal to a 450 pupil school and voted to incur debt of $3,529,500 on December 18. On December 28, New Braintree voters approved the new proposal 66 to 10 and the other towns set dates in January, 1971, to vote on the appropriation.

The Pathfinder Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the town officials, the Superintendent of Schools and the many other individuals who have actively supported the Pathfinder project through the years.

Respectfully submitted,
David A. Staples
Belchertown Committeeman

Addendum: On January 14, Monson voters approved the debt by a vote of 103 to 36; on January 16, Palmer voters approved by a vote of 209 to 96; and on January 18, Belchertown voters approved 130 to 27.

At last our goal is within reach. Pathfinder will become a reality. Meaningful occupational education will soon be available to students in Belchertown, Monson, New Braintree and Palmer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1970

Balance, January 1, 1970		$22,626.41
RECEIPTS:		
1969 payment from Warren	595.20	
Payroll Deductions:		
Retirement	498.12	
Blue Cross—Blue Shield	155.18	
Group Insurance	8.68	
Federal Withholding Tax	2,651.70	
Mass. Withholding Tax	429.19	
Refund on Blue Cross—Blue Shield	3.36	
Interest on Savings Account	57.36	
Comm. of Mass.—Voc-Ed	6,356.00	
Total Receipts	11,754.79	
		$33,381.20
EXPENDITURES:		
Budget Accounts:		
11004—Consultant	480.00	
11006—School Committee	2,287.35	
12001—Supt. Salary	11,384.64	
12002—Sec. Salary	3,913.50	

12005—Supplies & Equip.	804.56
12006—Supt. Expenses	598.14
4130—Utilities	537.58
5200—Insurance	266.16
	$20,271.93
Taxes and other Payments:	
Federal Taxes	2,603.90
Retirement Board	498.12
Massachusetts Taxes	415.70
Blue Cross—Blue Shield	155.18
Group Life Insurance	8.68
1969 Cary-over	
Budget Accounts	284.80
Retirement Board	175.01
Federal Taxes	1,072.40
Massachusetts Taxes	23.27
Blue Cross—Blue Shield	39.08
Group Life Insurance	8.68
Total expenditures	$25,556.69
Balance	$7,824.51

Operating and Maintenance Budget for 1971

1000 ADMINISTRATION		
1100 School Committee		
004 Contracted Services		
.1 Consultant	3,750.00	
.2 Appraisal	250.00	
.3 Engineering	250.00	
.4 Legal	150.00	
006 Other Expenses		
.1 Postage	25.00	
.2 Dues and subscriptions	150.00	
.3 Miscellaneous	1,000.00	
		5,575.00
1200 Superintendent's Office		
001 Superintendent's salary	10,000.00	
002 Clerical	5,460.00	
004 Contracted services	150.00	
005 Supplies	1,000.00	
006 Other expenses		
.1 Postage	200.00	
.2 Travel—in state	500.00	
.3 Miscellaneous	500.00	
		17,810.00

4000 OPERATION OF PLANT		
4100 Operation of Plant		
130 Utility Services		
.1 Telephone	500.00	
		500.00
5000 FIXED CHARGES		
5200 Insurance Program		
.1 Employee health and accident	250.00	
.2 Office coverage	100.00	
.3 Bonding of treasurer	50.00	
		400.00
TOTAL BUDGET		24,285.00
ANTICIPATED REVENUES TO BE APPLIED:		
U.S. Public Law 90-576 (applied to Superintendent's Office)	5,000.00	
Massachusetts Vocational Education Chapter 74 (applied 1000 through 5000)	9,642.50	
Anticipated balance as of 12-31-70	6,000.00	
		20,642.50

TO BE APPROPRIATED FROM MEMBER TOWNS: $3,642.50

Belchertown—1202 pupils—21.3 per cent—$775.85
Monson—1511 pupils—26.7 per cent—$972.55
New Braintree—188 pupils—3.3 per cent—$120.20
Palmer—2753 pupils—48.7 per cent—$1,773.90

Report of School Nurse

The School Health Report for 1970 is as follows:

We are living in an era which is experiencing the most rapid medical progress in history. In spite of all this, illness and accidents are still prevalent. Obviously, there is a crying need for health education among our young people as it applies to their simple, everyday needs.

As in past years, certain health services required by law and some voluntary protective measures have been carried out. This report will briefly mention some of the services rendered. The school physician, Dr. Kenneth L. Collard, performed physical examinations on students in grades first, fourth, seventh, eleventh, and those who participated in sports. They were given the choice of having this done by their family doctor. Only five chose to do so. There were 486 students examined of which 55 were referred for further diagnosis and treatment.

All pupils were measured and weighed. Vision testing of 1,110 students revealed that 52 needed glasses either for the first time or changing of lenses. Screening by Pure-Tone Audiometer of 1,106 pupils disclosed that 39 suffered from various degrees of hearing loss. It might be wise to explain that, for the most part, hearing failure does not necessarily indicate deafness. The purpose of yearly tests, which is required by law, is meant for early detection of impairment and timely treatment in order to prevent eventual deafness. Positive findings of all school testings are reported to parents and in some cases to the teacher so that the child may receive the best possible help.

Free Immunization Clinics were jointly conducted by the Board of Health and the School Health Department as follows:

January 14, 1970—Trivalent (Polio)	53
April 15, 1970—Rubella (German Measles)	266
May 13, 1970—Smallpox Vaccination	36
October 19, 1970—Flu Shots to personnel	48

With the cooperation of the State Health Department and the aid of the Hampshire County Public Health Association (Tbc. Seals), a Mantoux Clinic for the detection of tuberculosis was held in October. Those eligible were pupils in the Kindergarten classes, first and ninth grades, and school personnel. Parental consent forms were required for this test. Fortunately there were no positive re-actors this year. Thanks to Immunizations, there were no incidents of the usual epidemics of children's diseases but in November and December 41 cases of Mumps was reported.

Ironically, progress in some areas sometimes poses problems in other respects. It is getting increasingly more difficult for the nurse to perform her routine duties expediently due to interruptions and delays. Some of the contributing factors are the usual increased enrollment, instituting of Kindergarten this year, having to take turns with more "Specialist" for the use of working areas or space due to crowded conditions etc. However, every effort will be made to complete these tasks sometime during the year.

In closing, the nurse wishes to thank everyone, especially the Secretarial staff, for the cooperation given to her, and she is quite optimistic that some of these problems will be resolved in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Tirzah Juskalian, R.N.

Parks and Recreation Report

The Red Cross Certified Swimming Porgram was a big success again. Almost 100 persons were served thru the program. But, due to the structure of the classes, many children were not able to attend all their classes. Under the recommendation of last years' instructor, the structure of these classes will be changed. A large spotlight was installed at the beach to keep the area lit year round to prevent vandalism.

The baseball program was what we had hoped for. Some 80 boys and an enthusiastic small band of parents. The Committee believes more parents should be involved in this sporting adventure, so as to insure a better program, and perhaps defray the cost. Again in 1971, the program will last about 6 weeks. There is also hope for some sort of softball program.

The Old Town Hall was a "sore spot" as usual, but things are looking up. A basketball program has been formed. The usual dog classes, a new dance program, and the Boy Scouts are using the hall. The School Department is also utilizing the hall for Physical Education classes two days a week. It is hoped that if we can fix the hall a little more, more programs will be brought to it, making it an asset to the town.

A new diamond was built at Parson's Field last year, the stone wall repaired, and a large amount of brush cut. Parson's Field was used for baseball, softball, and game activities. Next year, the girls from the high school are scheduled to use the field, also. The Committee has started planning for the proposed Field House. This house, in fact, will have toilet facilities, with a storage area.

The Common was a problem to keep clean. No money is set aside for the explicit use of keeping the Common "unlittered" from the "Litterbug!" This should be a year-round job.

The Committee regrets the resignation of Mrs. Louise Barrett, who has been on the Committee since it was organized, and been Secretary-Treasurer for the past three years.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Forgue, Chairman
Louise Barrett, Secretary-Treasurer
Joan Fuller
Joan Poole
Anthony Russo
Liason Selectwoman: Eleanor Schmidt

Annual Report of the Cemetery Commission

called

Early in March the Cemetery Commission met and elected the Following Officers: Chairman—Edward L. Fuller; Clerk—Roy P. Reece, Jr.; Secretary—Daniel W. MacPhee.

During the summer the old tool shed in Mt. Hope cemetery was torn down, and an addition to the new shed was completed.

For the first time in many years, the mowing of the cemeteries was put out to bid. The results were good care at a reasonable cost to the taxpayer. We plan to put the cemeteries out to bid again in 1971.

The new roadways in South Cemetery received a sealer coat of tar. It is hoped that proper maintenance will result in durable and attractive roadways.

Much time was spent in repairing vandalism damage to stones and regrading sunken lots. Although vandalism was not as extensive in 1970, it still remains a problem.

In 1970 we performed seventeen burials. We turned back to the town $975.00 received from opening fees, and $1010 received from sale of lots.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward L. Fuller
Roy P. Reece, Jr.
~~Daniel~~ W. MacPhee 7575

ANNUAL REPORT
BELCHERTOWN PLANNING BOARD

called

The Planning Board has had a busy year. Hearings have been frequently held. Every meeting has been attended by interested citizens seeking information as to zoning changes. Frequent inquiries have been made as to low cost housing. It is evident that the town will have to make new decisions as to the type of housing to be allowed. We have authorized a professional study of present by laws controlling planning and subdivision. In the meantime Board members have been continually called upon to endorse new survey plans so that they can be recorded with the register of deeds in Northampton. I am pleased with the excellent attendance of Board members, but regret the recent resignation of George Foster.

Sidney W. Wheeler, Chairman
Belchertown Planning Board

Stan Harrington

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WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 2 and 9, 1970

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections of Town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

IN PRECINCT A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall in Jabish Street

IN PRECINCT B, at the Franklin School Building, in Franklin Street, South Belchertown, on Monday, the second day of March, A.D. 1970, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precinct officers of the several polling precincts of said Town for the following officers, to wit: a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Cemetery Commissioner, and a Tree Warden, each for one year; two Selectmen, a Treasurer, two School Committee members, a Cemetery Commissioner, an Assessor, a Sewer Commissioner, and a Board of Health member, each for three years; and a Planning Board member and a Housing Authority member, each for five years.

The polls will be open at eight o'clock in the forenoon and closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

And you are further required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall in said Belchertown on Monday, the ninth day of March, A.D. 1970, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I. To choose the following named officers by nomination: Two (2) Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one (1) year; and one (1) trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three (3) years.

ARTICLE II. To hear reports of the officers of the Town and any committees that may have been appointed by the Town and act thereon.

ARTICLE III. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library Account the dog license refund of 1969, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE IV. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners, and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, at hourly rates not to exceed the following:

Assessors	$2.75 per hour
Cemetery Commissioners	2.00 per hour
Sewer Commissioners	2.75 per hour
Tree Warden	2.50 per hour

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE V. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account a sum of money to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VI. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Road Machinery Earning Account a sum of money to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VIII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, Program of 1970, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE IX. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE X. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, (Chapter 768, Section 4, Acts of 1969), a sum of money for the permanent construction of Federal Street, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XI. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, (Chapter 768, Section 5, Acts of 1969), a sum of money for improvements of the following streets, all public ways:

Gold Street
Munsell Street
North Street
Orchard Street
Allen Street
Summit Street
Shaw Street
Ludlow Street
Michael Sears Road
George Hannum Street

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of a new dump truck for the Highway Department, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XIII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XIV. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current year, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XV. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1970, and January 1, 1971, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XVI. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of noney for the purchase of two tailgate chip spreaders for the Highway Department, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XVII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for a radar and slash communications system consisting of a Stevens radar set and one mobile and one portable unit for the use of the Police Department, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XVIII. To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of an easement in land situated on the Easterly side of Federal Street between Federal Street and Arcadia Pond granted to the Town by John R. Scott and Rose A. Scott, September 23, 1968, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XIX. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1969:

Three Rivers Outlet	$84.68
Chadbourne Petroleum Products	225.80
Ring Nursing Home	348.44
Ray's Pharmacy	35.20
Belchertown Pharmacy	73.50
Mary Lane Hospital	509.61
John J. Rearick, M.D.	40.00
R.N. Tessier, M.D.	125.00
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts	1,035.00

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XX. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sum of money for a bill incurred in 1967: Providence Hospital—$40.00, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXI. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00) for the use of the Conservation Commission, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the control of aquatic nuisance vegetation in Lake Metacomet, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXIII. To see if the Town will vote to accept an Amendment to the Agreement establishing Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District dated June 2, 1967, and accepted by the Town on February 26, 1968, as amended. Said Amendment being dated November 6, 1969, and providing for the withdrawal of the Town of Ware from said District, a copy of which Amendment is on file in the Selectmen's Office, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXIV. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by adding at the end of Section IV-A 2f the following words:

"However, notwithstanding the foregoing, any such apartment building which is serviced by municipal water and sewer shall have available a lot area of at least 20,000 square feet for the first unit, and additional space of at least 2,500 feet for each additional unit." or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXV. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 97, as amended, establishing a police department within the Town of Belchertown, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXVI. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue as a public way Baggs Street, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXVII. To see if the Town will vote to hold non-partisan Town caucus for the nomination of candidates of Town offices required to be voted for by official ballot at its annual meeting as provided for under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 53, Section 121, as amended, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXVIII. To see if the Town will vote to amend the by-laws of the Town by deleting therefrom the amendment adopted under Article III of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting held September 16, 1968, and adopting in its place the following section:

Article VIII. Section 8. All regular, full-time employees of the Town, other than elected officers and those appointed by the School Committee having been regularly employed by the Town for a period of not less than fifty-two (52) consecutive weeks, shall be given annually five (5) working days vacation without loss of pay and such employees who have been regularly employed by the Town for a period of not less than one hundred four (104) consecutive weeks shall be given annually ten (10) working days vacation without loss of pay; and all regular full-time employees of the Town, other than elected officers and those appointed by the School Committee, who have been regularly employed by the Town for not less than thirty (30) days shall not suffer loss of pay for failure to work upon the secular days during which the following holidays are celebrated:

Christmas
Thanksgiving
Labor Day
Veterans' Day
Independence Day
Memorial Day
Columbus Day
New Years

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXIX. To see if the Town will vote to accept by provision of General Laws, Chapter 149, Section 33 C, relating to the payment of overtime to Town employees required to work in excess of the regular number of maximum hours per week as regulated by law, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXX. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to contract for the preparation of Assessors Maps, to consider an appropriation therefor, and to determine whether said appropriation shall be provided by taxation, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing, or by any combination thereof, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXXI. To see if the Town will vote to sell or otherwise dispose of its copy machine now used in the office of the Town Clerk, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXXII. To see if the Town will vote to amend the official zoning map by deleting from the Agricultural District a certain parcel of land thought to belong to Peter Dearness situated on the Southeasterly side of George Hannum Street, said parcel of land being shown on plan of land entitled, "Plan of Quabbin Printing Company, Inc.", on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and including the same within the Business District, or take any action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the intersection of Gulf Road and Amherst Road, one at the intersection of Metacomet Street and Bay Road, one at the intersection of Rockrimmon Street and Chauncy Walker Street, one at the intersection of South Street and South Liberty Street, one at the intersection of Depot Street and Keyes Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this 21st day of February, A.D. 1970.

Board of Selectmen
Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Chairman
William H. Squires, Jr.
Michael S. Mathras
Eleanor L. Schmidt
Herbert E. Squires

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the Warrant and in the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

Ernest M. Gay,
Constable
February 21, 1970

A True Copy,
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Town Election March 2, 1970

Moderator—1 year

Charles W. Jackson	816	145	961
Kenneth N. Hale	1		1
Blanks	199	55	254
Totals	1016	200	1216

Town Clerk—1 year

Robert D. Camp, Sr.	877	160	1037
Blanks	139	40	179
Totals	1016	200	1216

Selectmen 3 years (2)

Herbert E. Squires	428	49	477
William H. Squires, Jr.	414	21	435
Francis P. Loftus	224	61	285
Arthur J. Moriarty	364	139	503
John H. Reed	375	52	427
Blanks	227	78	305
Totals	2032	400	2432

Town Treasurer—3 years

Robert D. Camp, Sr.	873	161	1034
Blanks	143	39	182
Totals	1016	200	1216

Assessor 3 years

Harold B. Ketchen	359	34	393
J. Bernard Bowler	628	153	781
Blanks	29	13	42
Totals	1016	200	1216

Board of Health—3 years

Miles J. Hubler	802	132	934
Blanks	214	68	282
Totals	1016	200	1216

Sewer Commissioner—3 years

Harry L. Brougham	845	141	986
Blanks	171	59	230
Totals	1016	200	1216

Tree Warden—1 year

Albert W. Brown	882	163	1045
Blanks	134	37	171
Totals	1016	200	1216

School Committee—3 years (2)

Betty Jean Jackson	483	65	548
William M. Russell	562	131	693
David A. Staples	521	47	568
Frances June Pepe	229	81	310
Blanks	237	76	313
Totals	2032	400	2432

Housing Authority—5 years

James B. Baker	538	88	626
William R. Malmstedt	409	88	497
Blanks	69	24	93
Totals	1016	200	1216

Planning Board—5 years

Everett W. Plant	839	137	976
Blanks	177	63	240
Totals	1016	200	1216

Cemetery Commissioner—3 years

Roy P. Reece, Jr.	851	143	994
Blanks	165	57	222
Totals	1016	200	1216

Cemetery Commissioner—1 year

Daniel W. MacPhee	847	139	986
Blanks	169	61	230
Totals	1016	200	1216

Votes cast March 2, 1970

Precinct A	Precinct B	Total
1016	200	1216

Registered voters at Belchertown

Democrat	358	109	467
Republican	517	40	557
Independent	762	158	920
Totals	1637	307	1944

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held March 9, 1970

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Registered voters recorded as present 228; Quorum required—25.
Meeting called to order at 7:32 P.M.

Invocation given by Rev. Elvert F. Miller

Outstanding Citizen's Award presented to Robert D. Camp, Sr. by the Board of Selectmen. In appreciation for the many years of service to the Town of Belchertown, awards were presented to Kenneth H. Main of the Finance Committee and Harold W. Willey of the School Committee.

Art. 1—Elected Ruth B. Fuller and Sophia M. Pero as Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and D. Donald Hazen as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 2—Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town and of any Committee that may have been appointed by the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 3—Voted to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library Account the sum of $143.81, the dog license refund of 1969.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 4—Voted to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners, and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, at hourly rates not to exceed the following:

Assessors	$ 2.75 per hour
Cemetery Commissioners	2.00 per hour
Sewer Commissioners	2.75 per hour
Tree Warden	2.75 per hour

(Vote—Majority Yes)

Art. 5—Voted to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $606.16 to the Insurance Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 6—Voted to transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $8,678.28 to the Road Machinery Expense Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 7—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,200.00 and that the sum of $28,875.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury for Chapter 81 Highways.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 8—Voted to appropriate $28,000.00 for Chapter 90 Highways Construction Program of 1970, and to meet said appropriation that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $7,000.00 and that $21,000.00 be borrowed under Chapter 44, Section 6A of the General Laws pending reimbursement from the State of $14,000.00 and the County $7,000.00.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 9—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 and that the sum of $10,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury for Chapter 90 Maintenance.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 10—Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury (Chapter 768, Section 4, Acts of 1969), the sum of $6,141.00 for the permanent construction of Federal Street starting from the Central Vermont Railway southerly crossing and heading in a Northwesterly direction for approximately 800 feet.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 11—Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury (Chapter 768, Section 5, Acts of 1969), the sum of $14,300.00 for the improvements of the following streets, all public ways:

Gold Street	$1,200.00	Summit Street	$1,200.00
Munsell Street	2,000.00	Shaw Street	750.00
North Street	1,000.00	Ludlow Street	1,500.00
Orchard Street	1,400.00	Michael Sears Road	
Road			1,000.00
Allen Street	750.00	George Hannum St.	3,500.00

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 12—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,900.00 for the purchase of a new dump truck for the Highway Department.

(Vote Yes 115 No 57)

Art.13—Voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote Majority Yes)

Art. 14—Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from unappropriated available funds, money for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be separately considered and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for these purposes as specifically designated under the direction of the respective officers, boards, and Committees of the Town.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

See Itemized List.

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $50,194.00 for General Government.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $55,465.00 for Protection of Persons and Property.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $21,975.00 for Health and Sanitation.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $70,673.00 for Highways and Sidewalks ($4,121.24 from Chapter 768, Section 5, Acts of 1969).

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,450.00 for the Veterans' Department.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $925,672.00 for the School Department.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 for the Clapp Memorial Library.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,458.00 for Parks, Beach and Recreation.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,331.00 for Cemeteries.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $53,864.00 for Pensions and Insurance.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,850.00 for Unclassified Items.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $93,852.00 for Maturing Debt and Interest.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art 15—Voted to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the Financial Years beginning January 1, 1970, and January 1, 1971, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 16—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $650.00 for the purchase of two tailgate chip spreaders for the Highway Department.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 17—Voted to to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,643.80 for a radar and slash communications system consisting of a Stevens radar set and one mobile and one portable radio unit for the use of the Police Department; said radar and slash communication system to be purchased after the application for Federal grant is approved.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 18—Voted to take no action.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 19—Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1969:

Three Rivers Outlet	84.68
Chadbourne Petroleum Products	225.80
Ring Nursing Home	348.44
Belchertown Pharmacy	73.50
Rays Pharmacy	35.20
Mary Lane Hospital	509.61
John J. Rearick, M.D.	40.00
R.N. Tessier, M.D.	125.00
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts	1,035.00

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 20—Voted to raise and appropriate the following sum of money for a bill incurred in 1967: Providence Hospital—$40.00.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 21—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars ($100.00) for the use of the Conservation Commission.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 22—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,250.00 for the control of aquatic nuisance vegetation in Lake Metacomet.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

Art. 23—Voted to accept an Amendment to the Agreement establishing Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District dated June 2, 1967, and accepted by the Town on February 26, 1968, as amended. Said amendment being dated November 6, 1969, and providing for the withdrawal of the Town of Ware from said District, a copy of which amendment is on file in the Selectmen's office.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 24—Voted to take no action on this article.

(Majority Vote)

Art. 25—Voted—majority negative.

Art. 26—Voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote—Unanimous)

Art 27—Voted to take no action.

(Vote—Unanimous)

Art. 28—Voted to amend the by-laws of the Town by deleting therefrom the amendments adopted under Article III of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting held September 16, 1968, and adopting in its place the following section:

Article VIII, Section 8. All regular, full-time employees of the Town, other than elected officers and those appointed by the School Committee having been regularly employed by the Town for a period of not less than fifty-two (52) consecutive weeks, shall be given annually five (5) working days vacation without loss of pay and such employees who have been regularly employed by the Town for a period of not less than one hundred four (104) consecutive weeks shall be given annually ten (10) working days vacation without the loss of pay; and all regular full time employees of the Town, other than elected officers and those appointed by the School Committee, who have been regularly employed by the Town for not less than thirty (30) days shall not suffer loss of pay for failure to work upon the secular days during which the following holidays are celebrated:

Christmas
Thanksgiving
Veterans' Day
Labor Day
New Years
Memorial Day
Columbus Day
Independence Day

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 29—Voted to accept the provision of General Laws Chapter 149, Section 33 C, relating to the payment of overtime of Town employees required to work in excess of the regular number of maximum hours per week as regulated by law.

(Vote—Unanimous)

Art. 30—Voted that the Board of Assessors be authorized to contract for the preparation of Assessors maps, and that the sum of $27,000.00 be appropriated, of which the sum of $9,000.00 shall be provided by appropriating and transferring said $9,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow the balance of $18,000.00 in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7, Clause 18 and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor payable in accordance with said Chapter 44 so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than two years from the date of issue of the first bond or note.

(Majority Yes—Yes 110 No 31)

Art. 31—Voted to sell or otherwise dispose of its copy making machine now used in the office of the Town Clerk.

(Vote—Unanimous)

Art. 32—Voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote—Unanimous)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 10:40 P.M.

(Vote—Unanimous)

Raise and Appropriate	$1,347,045.03
From Available funds	18,428.25
From Free cash	59,316.00
Borrow	39,000.00
Grand total appropriated	$1,463,789.28

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Appropriations voted by the annual town meeting held March 9, 1970

Art. No. Budget	Raise and appropriate	From available funds	From Free Cash	Borrow
1. None				
2. None				
3. Library Account		143.81		
4. None				
5. Insurance Account		606.16		
6. Road Machinery Expense		8,678.28		
7. Highways, Chap. 81	4,200.00		28,875.00	
8. Highways, Chap. 90 Constr.	7,000.00			21,000.00
9. Highways, Chap. 90 Maint.	5,000.00		10,000.00	
10. Highways, Federal St. (Chap. 768 Acts 1969)			6,141.00	
11. Streets, sundry (10) (Chap. 768 Acts 1969)			14,300.00	
12. Purchase new dump truck	7,900.00			
13. None				
14. Itemized budgets				
Item				
1. Moderator expense	25.00			
2. Finance Committee Exp.	160.00			
3. Selectmen Salaries	4,200.00			
(Chm 1000.00 4 at 800)				
Selectmen Expense	1,800.00			
4. Zoning By-Law Agent				
Salary	300.00			
Expenses	200.00			
5. Accountant & Admin. Sec.				
Salary	5,800.00			
Expenses	1,360.00			
6. Treasurer—Salary	3,000.00			
Expenses	2,755.00			
7. Clerk—Salary	1,500.00			
Expenses	1,773.00			
8. Collector—Salary	3,200.00			
Expenses	2,771.00			
9. Assessors Salaries	1,600.00			

(Chmn 600.00 2 at 500.00)				
Expenses	7,700.00			
10. Law expenses	2,300.00			
11. Elections & Registration	4,370.00			
12. Planning Board & expenses	1,000.00			
13. Municipal Buildings				
Lawrence Memorial Hall	3,130.00			
Town Garage	1,000.00			
14. Industrial Development Commission	250.00			
15. Police	37,240.00			
16. Fire	4,500.00			
17. Forest Fires	2,200.00			
18. Hydrant service	4,000.00			
19. Sealer Wghts. & Meas.	300.00			
20. Inspector of wiring	300.00			
21. Conservation Com.	170.00			
22. Civil Defense, Salary	300.00			
Expenses	380.00			
23. Water storage holes (Fire)	800.00			
24. Tree Services				
Tree Warden Wages & Exp.	2,500.00			
Insect pest control	800.00			
Dutch Elm disease	1,600.00			
25. Board of Appeals	75.00			
26. Dog officer expenses	300.00			
27. Board of Health, Salaries	350.00			
(Chmn 150.00 2 at 100)				
Expenses	3,825.00			
28. Sewers, salaries	650.00			
(Chmn 250. 2 at 200)				
Expenses	13.150.00			
29. Town Dump	4,000.00			
Page 1 totals	151,734.00	9,428.25	59,316.00	21,000.00
30. Highways, General	18,500.00			
31. Bridges	1,000.00			
32. Snow removal	40,000.00			
33. Sidewalks, maintenance	2,000.00			
34. Street Lights	9,173.00			
35. Veteran's Dept.—Salary	450.00			
Benefits & expenses	10,000.00			
36. Schools, Administration	31,795.00			
Instruction	638,026.00			
Other Sch. Services	116,341.00			
Operation & Maint.	108,240.00			
Fixed charges	72.00			
A.F. Assets—Chgs.	5,318.00			
Prog. other schools	25,880.00			
37. Clapp Memorial Library	5,000.00			
38. Parks, beaches & recreation	7,458.00			
39. Cemeteries Salaries				
(Chmn 200 Clerk 200 other 100)				
General care expenses	5,631.00			
Soldiers graves expense	200.00			
40. Pensions, Town employees	16,093.00			
41. Insurance (A) General	24,908.00			
(B) Health, town share	11,758.00			

(C) Life, town share		1,105.00			
42. Unclassified items:					
Patriotic exercises		250.00			
Town Clock		300.00			
Town Report		1,700.00			
Reserve Fund		10,000.00			
Miscellaneous		600.00			
43. Maturing Debt and Interest					
1949 Sewer loan, Prin.		1,000.00			
1952 School loan, Prin.		19,000.00			
1963 School loan, Prin.		45,000.00			
1949 Sewer loan int.		125.00			
1952 School loan, int.		1,197.00			
1963 School loan, int.		19,530.00			
Temporary notes, int.		8,000.00			
15. None					
16. Highway department equipment		650.00			
17. Police radar & radio equip.		2,643.80			
18. None					
19. Bills of 1969 (9)		2,477.23			
Three Rivers Outlet	84.80				
Chadbourne Petroleum	225.80				
Ring Nursing Home	348.44				
Belchertown Pharmacy	73.50				
Rays Pharmacy	35.20				
Mary Lane Hospital	509.61				
John J. Rearick, MD	40.00				
R.N. Tessier, MD	125.00				
Comm. of Mass.	1,035.00				
20. Bill of 1967 (Providence Hosp.)		40.00			
21. Conservation Commission		100.00			
22. Lake Metacomet nuisance vegetation		3,250.00			
23. None					
24. None					
25. None					
26. None					
27. None					
28. None					
29. None					
30. Assessors Maps			9,000.00		18,000.00
31. None					
32. None					
Page 2		1,195,311.03	9,000.00		18,000.00
Page 1		151,734.00	9,428.25	59,316.00	21,000.00
Totals		1,347,045.03	18,428.25	59,316.00	39,000.00

Grand total appropriated—$1,463,789.28

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 26, 1970

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, in said Belchertown, on Tuesday evening, the twenty-sixth day of May, A.D. 1970, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury to the Clapp Memorial Library Account, the following sum of money which has been received by the Town from the Commonwealth for library purposes, the sum of $1,296.50, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE II. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for land takings for the relocation of Bay Road from the Amherst—Belchertown town line to the intersection of Bay Road and Warren Wright Road, all as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Bay Road, Belchertown, Mass., Hampshire County, As Altered and Relocated by the County Commissioners" dated February 1970, Almer Huntley, Jr. Associates, Inc., Surveyors, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE III. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1969:

Hubert Greene	$ 52.50
Mary Lane Hospital	107.20

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE IV. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of a used State Police Cruiser for the Police Department, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE V. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of a new one-ton cab, chasis, and equipment for the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VI. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum on money to the Veterans' Benefits Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VII. To see if the Town will accept Everett Avenue Extension, so-called, as a public way, according to a plan on file in the Town Clerk's office, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VIII. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section IV-E, Subsection 1 of the Zoning By-Laws by deleting therefrom the number "720" and substituting therefore the number "768" so that the said sub-paragraph shall thereafter read as follows:

"1. Except as provided under Section IV-B, the construction or use of a dwelling unit with a living space of less than 768 square feet on the floor",

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE IX. To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District the following described land and including the same within the Industrial District:

Starting at a marker on the southeast side of George Hannum Street 300' southwest of the junction of George Hannum Street and Federal Street (also known as Route 9), this also being the northwest corner of the Quabbin Printing Company land, proceeding S 28 degrees 36' 00" E 500 ' to a marker, thence S 52 degrees 15' 20 W 740' to another marker that is 20' south of the Town sewer easement through said property. Then S 74 degrees 45" 00" W 110' to another marker, then S 86 degrees 10' 00" W 350' paralled to and 20' south of the Town sewer easement to a marker on the property line. Then N 20 degrees 30' 00" E 40' to a marker at the corner of the lot, then N 63 degrees 30' 00" W 227.50' to George Hannum Street. Then following George Hannum Street N 59 degrees 30' 00" E 135', then continuing along George Hannum Street 52 degrees 15' 20" E 1166.16' to the point of beginning,

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE X. To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District the following described land and including the same within the Industrial District:

Beginning at a point 150 feet southwesterly from the intersection of George Hannum Street and Federal Street, thence southwesterly 150 feet along the southerly side of George Hannum Street, thence 200 feet southeasterly along land of Ketchen Realty Trust, thence northeasterly 150 feet along other land of Ketchen Realty Trust and parallel to George Hannum Street, thence northwesterly 200 feet along other land of Quabbin Printing Co., Inc., to the point of beginning,

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XI. To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District the following land and including the same within the Business District:

Beginning at a Massachusetts State Highway bound located in the southwesterly sideline of Mill Valley Road (Route 181) at Station 201 + 90.05 of the 1932 County Highway Layout; thence northwesterly 335' along said southwesterly side line of Mill Valley Road to a point; thence southwesterly 635' along land N/F of Tucker and N/F of Blackmer to a point; thence southwesterly

1729' along other land N/F of Blackmer to a point; thence southeasterly 1592' along land N/F of Sanford to a point; thence northeasterly 3200' along other land of Mill Valley Golf Links, Inc. to a point in the southwesterly sideline of Mill Valley Road; thence northwesterly along the southwesterly side line of Mill Valley Road 855' to the point of beginning, containing 72 acres more or less, and being a portion of the Mill Valley Golf Links, Inc., or take any action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the intersection of Gulf Road and Amherst Road, one at the intersection of Metacomet Street and Bay Road, one at the intersection of Rockrimmon Street and Chauncy Walker Street, one at the intersection of South Street and South Liberty Street, one at the intersection of Depot Street and Keyes Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this 18th day of May, A.D. 1970.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Chairman
Michael S. Mathras
Arthur J. Moriarty
Eleanor L. Schmidt

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the Warrant and in the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

Ernest M. Gay, Constable
May 18, 1970

A true copy
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD, May 26, 1970

The regularly elected Moderator being absent, the meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk at 7:30 p.m.

Number of voters present—104

Mr. Henry Renouf was nominated and elected as Moderator for this meeting.

ARTICLE I. Voted to appropriate and transfer from available funds in the treasury to the Clapp Memorial Library Account, the sum of $1,296.50 which has been received by the Town from the Commonwealth for library purposes for the year 1970.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,700.00 for land takings for the relocation of Bay Road from the Amherst—Belchertown town line to the intersection of Bay Road and Warren Wright Road, all as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Bay Road, Belchertown, Mass., Hampshire County, As Altered and Relocated by the County Commissioners" dated February 1970, Almer Huntley, Jr. Associates, Inc., Surveyors.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for Unpaid Bills of 1969: Hubert Greene $52.50, Mary Lane Hospital $107.20.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IV. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $875.00 for the purchase of a used State Police Cruiser for the Police Department.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE V. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,500.00 for the purchase of a new one-ton cab, chasis, and equipment for the Fire Department.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 for the Veterans' Benefits Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VII. Voted to accept Everett Avenue Extension, so-called, as a public way, according to a plan on file in the Town Clerk's office.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VIII. Voted to take no action.

72 Yes No 1

ARTICLE IX. Voted to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District the following described land and including the same within the Industrial District: Starting at a marker on the southeast side of George Hannum Street 300' southwest of the junction of George Hannum Street and Federal Street (also known as Route 9), this also being the northwest corner of the Quabbin Printing Company land, proceeding S 28 degrees 36' 00" E 500' to a marker, thence S 52 degrees 15' 20" W 740' to another marker that is 20' south of the Town sewer easement through said property. Then S 74 degrees 45' 00" W 110' to another marker, then S 86 degrees 10' 00" W 350' parallel to and 20' south of the Town sewer easement to a marker on the property line. Then N 20 degrees 30' 00" E 40' to a marker at the corner of the lot, then N 63 degrees 30' 00" W 227.50' to George Hannum Street. Then following George Hannum Street N 59 degrees 30' 00" E 135', then continuing along George Hannum Street 52 degrees 15' 20" E 1166.16' to the point of beginning.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE X. Voted to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District the following described land and including the same within the Business District:

Beginning at a point 150 feet southwesterly from the intersection of George Hannum Street and Federal Street, thence southwesterly 150 feet along the southerly side of George Hannum Street, thence 200 feet southeasterly along land of Ketchen Realty Trust, thence northeasterly 150 feet along other land of Ketchen Realty Trust and parallel to George Hannum Street, thence northwesterly 200 feet along other land of Quabbin Printing Co., Inc. to the point of beginning.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XI. Voted to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District the following land and including the same within the Business District:

Beginning at a Massachusetts State Highway bound located in the southwesterly sideline of Mill Valley Road (Route 181) at Station 201+90.05 of the 1932 County Highway Layout; thence northwesterly 335' along said southwesterly side line of Mill Valley Road to a point; thence southwesterly 635' along land N/F of Tucker and N/F of Blackmer to a point; thence Southwesterly 1729' along other land N/F of Blackmer to a point; thence southeasterly 1592' along land N/F of Sanford to a point; thence northeasterly 3200' along other land of Mill Valley Golf Links, Inc. to a point in the southwesterly sideline of Mill Valley Road; thence northwesterly along the southwesterly sideline of Mill Valley Road 855' to the point of beginning, containing 72 acres more or less, and being a portion of the Mill Valley Golf Links, Inc.

(Vote—Yes 74 No 16)

Meeting dissolved at 8:50 P.M.

A true copy,
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Available funds—$1,296.50
Raise & Appropriate $19,234.70

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
October 5, 1970

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, in said Belchertown, on Monday, the fifth day of October, A.D. 1970, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, the following sum of money for a bill incurred in 1969: Mary Lane Hospital $14.80, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE II. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to the Interest Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE III. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account a sum of money to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE IV. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to the Highways—General Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE V. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Belchertown Firefighters Association to sell a 1930 Seagrave fire-truck pumper to the said Association for the sum of one dollar ($1.00), or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VI. To see if the Town will vote to approve the $3,900,000.00 indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District on September 8, 1970, for the purpose of acquiring land for and constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a vocational-technical high school.

YES	
No	

Vote to be by "YES" or "NO" ballot.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the intersection of Gulf Road and Amherst Road, one at the intersection of Metacomet Street and Bay Road, one at the intersection of Rockrimmon Street and Chauncy Walker Street, one at the intersection of South Street and South Liberty Street, one at the intersection of Depot Street and Keyes Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this 26th day of September, A.D. 1970.

Board of Selectmen
Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Chairman
William H. Squires, Jr.
Arthur J. Moriarty
Eleanor L. Schmidt
Michael S. Mathras

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith.

The posting instructions contained in the warrant and in the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

Ernest M. Gay, Constable
September 26, 1970

A true copy,
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Report of the action taken on the warrant articles of the meeting dated Oct. 5, 1970

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Meeting called to order at 7:37 p.m.
Voters present 269; Quorum required 25

Art. 1—Voted to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $14.80 (Mary Lane Hospital) for an unpaid bill of 1969.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 2—Voted to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, the sum of $2,246.81 for the Interest Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 3—Voted to transfer from the Road Machinery Earning Account, the sum of $4,000.00 for the Road Machinery Expense Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 4—Voted to appropriate the sum of $3,500.00 for the Highways-General Account, and that to meet said appropriation that the sum of $3,500.00 be transferred and appropriated from the Highways-Chapter 768, George Hannum Street Account to the Highways-General Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 5—Voted to authroize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Belchertown Firefighters Association to sell a 1930 Seagrave fire truck pumper to the said association for the sum of One ($1.00) Dollar.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 6—Voted to approve the $3,900,000.00 indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District on September 8, 1970, for the purpose of acquiring land for and constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a vocational-technical high school. (Check list and Yes—No ballot slips used.)

(Vote YES 211—NO 95)

This meeting voted to be dissolved at 9:17 P.M.

A true copy,
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 23, 1970

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, in said Belchertown, on Monday evening, the twenty-third day of November, A.D. 1970, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I. To see if the Town will accept the amendment to the agreement establishing the Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District which was proposed by the Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District Committee on October 13, 1970, and which provides for the withdrawal of the Town of Hardwick from the District, a copy of which amendment is on file in the Selectmen's Office, or take any action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the intersection of Gulf Road and Amherst Road, one at the intersection of Metacomet Street and Bay Road, one at the intersection of Rockrimmon Street and Chauncy Walker Street, one at the intersection of South Street and South Liberty

Street, one at the intersection of Depot Street and Keyes Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this 12th day of November, A.D. 1970.

Board of Selectmen
Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Chairman
William H. Squires, Jr.
Eleanor L. Schmidt
Michael S. Mathras

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the Warrant and in the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

Ernest M. Gay,
Constable
November 14, 1970

Action taken at Special Town Meeting held Nov. 23, 1970

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Voters present 35 (Quorum required —25)
Meeting called to order—7:30 P.M.

Article 1—Voted to accept an amendment to the agreement establishing the Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District which was proposed by the Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District Committee on October 13, 1970, and which provides for the withdrawal of the Town of Hardwick from the District.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 7:37 P.M.

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

State Primary—September 15, 1970

Hampshire ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in Lawrence Memorial Hall, Precinct A; Franklin School, Precinct B. Tuesday, the Fifteenth Day of September, 1970 at (1:00) one o'clock p.m., for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Nomination of Candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

Senator in Congress	For this Commonwealth
Governor	For this Commonwealth
Lieutenant Governor	For this Commonwealth
Attorney General	For this Commonwealth
Secretary of the Commonwealth	For this Commonwealth
Treasurer and Receiver-General	For this Commonwealth
Auditor of the Commonwealth	For this Commonwealth
Representative in Congress	For second Congressional Dist.
Councillor	For Seventh Councillor Dist.
Senator	Worcer-Hampden-Hampshire Senatorial Dist.
2 Representative in General Court	For Second Hampshire Rep. Dist.
District Attorney	For Northwestern Dist.
Clerk of Courts	For Hampshire County
Register of Deeds	For Hampshire Dist.
County Commissioner	For Hampshire County

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this first day of September, A.D. 1970.

William G. Whitlock
Arthur J. Moriarty
William H. Squires, Jr.
Eleanor L. Schmidt
Michael S. Mathras

Selectmen of Belchertown

Attest: Ernest M. Gay, Constable
Posted: September 5, 1970

State Primary September 15, 1970 REPUBLICAN

Name	Prec A	Prec B	Total
Senator in Congress			
Josiah A. Spaulding	50	4	54
John J. McCarthy	30	5	35
Blanks	6	2	8
Totals	86	11	97
Governor			
Francis W. Sargent	67	11	78
Blanks	19	0	19
Total	86	11	97
Lt. Governor			
Donald R. Wright	75	8	83
Blanks	11	3	14
Total	86	11	97
Attorney General			
Donald L. Conn	70	7	77
Blanks	16	4	20
Total	86	11	97
Secretary			
Mary B. Newman	72	7	79
Blanks	14	4	18
Total	86	11	97
Auditor			
Frank P. Bucci	70	6	76
Blanks	16	5	21
Total	86	11	97
Treasurer			
Frederick D. Hannon	70	7	77
Blanks	16	4	20
Total	86	11	97
Senator (Worc.-Hampden-Hampshire Dist.)			
Albert B. Cook III	25	3	28
David J. Panaia	53	4	57
Blanks	8	4	12
Total	86	11	97
District Attorney			
Oscar Grife	74	7	81
Blanks	12	4	16
Total	86	11	97
County Commissioner			
Fred B. Grinnell, Jr.	68	8	76
Blanks	18	3	21
Total	86	11	97

Registered Republicans—Precinct A—502
Voted 9-15-70—86
Registered Republicans—Precinct B— 42
Voted 9-15-70—11

Registered voters at Belchertown

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Totals
Democrat	353	108	461
Republican	502	42	544
Independent	757	155	912
Totals	1612	305	1917

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

State Primary September 15, 1970 DEMOCRAT

Name	PrecA	Prec B	Total
Senator in Congress			
Edward M. Kennedy	121	24	145
Blanks	43	5	48
Total	164	29	193
Governor			
Maurice A. Donahue	98	19	117
Francis X. Bellotti	14	5	19
Kenneth P. O'Donnell	3	1	4
Kevin H. White	49	4	53
Blanks	0	0	0
Total	164	29	193
Lt. Governor			
Michael S. Dukakis	83	14	97
Rocco J. Antonelli	10	2	12
John J. Craven, Jr.	6	1	7
Kathleen T. Ryan Dacey	11	1	12
James S. McCormack	45	8	53
Blanks	9	3	12
Total	164	29	193
Attorney General			
Robert H. Quinn	138	27	165
Blanks	26	2	28
Total	164	29	193

Secretary

John F.X. Davoren	136	24	160
Blanks	28	5	33
Total	164	29	193

Treasurer

Robert Q. Crane	138	24	162
Blanks	26	5	31
Total	164	29	193

Auditor

Thaddeus Buczko	138	28	166
Blanks	26	1	27
Total	164	29	193

Congressman (1st District)

Edward P. Boland	140	26	166
Blanks	24	3	27
Total	164	29	193

Councillor (7th District)

Francis P. Bianchi	31	7	38
Robert Fitzgerald	32	10	42
William J. McManus	20	2	22
Robert X. Tivnan	22	2	24
Michael A. Trotto	21	4	25
Blanks	38	4	42
Total	164	29	193

Senator
(Worc.-Hampden-Hampshire Dist.)

Philip A. Quinn	138	29	167
Blanks	26	0	26
Total	164	29	193

Rep. in Gen. Court
(2nd Hampshire)

James R. Nolen	133	28	161
John W. Olver	123	19	142
Blanks	72	11	83
Total	328	58	386

District Attorney

John M. Callahan	139	27	166
Blanks	25	2	27
Total	164	29	193

Clerks of Courts

Salvatore A. Polito	134	24	158
Blanks	30	5	35
Total	164	29	193

Register of Deeds

Robert F. Czelusniak	129	28	157
Blanks	35	1	36
Total	164	29	193

County Commissioner

Janet Dugan	105	21	126
David B. Musante, Jr.	28	2	30
David P. Sullivan	26	5	31
Blanks	5	1	6
Total	164	29	193

Registered Democrats Precinct A 353 Voted 9-15-70—29

Registered Democrats Precinct B 108 Voted 9-15-70 — 164

State Election—November 3, 1970

Hampshire ss.

To any of the constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said county;

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all of the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in the State Elections, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

In Precinct A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall on Jabish Street,

In Precinct B, at Franklin School on Franklin Street,

Tuesday, November 3, 1970 at eight (8:00) o'clock A.M. for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the election officers for the election of the following: Senator in Congress; Governor; Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Secretary; Treasurer; Auditor; Representative in Congress; Councillor; Senator; Representative in General Court (2); District Attorney; Clerk of the Courts; Register of Deeds; County Commissioner (1); and the following Questions.

QUESTION No. 1

Proposed Amendment To the Constitution

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution, which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held July 15, 1968, received 155 votes in the affirmative and 98 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held May 14, 1969, received 147 votes in the affirmative and 119 in the negative?

YES
No

QUESTION NO. 2

Proposed Amendment To the Constitution

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution, which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held October 9, 1967, received 237 votes in the affirmative and 0 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held May 14, 1969, received 262 votes in the affirmative and 4 in the negative?

YES
NO

QUESTION NO. 3

Proposed Amendment To the Constitution

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution, which was approved by the Ceneral Court in a joint session of the two branches held October 9, 1967, received 142 votes in the affirmative and 102 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held May 14, 1969, received 222 votes in the affirmative and 49 in the negative?

YES
NO

QUESTION NO. 4

Proposed Amendment To The Constitution

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution, which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held July 15, 1968, received 181 votes in the affirmative and 66 votes in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held May 15, 1969 received 208 votes in the affirmative and 54 in the negative?

YES
NO

QUESTION NO. 5

Which one do you prefer with reference to the future course of action by the United States in Vietnam? (DO NOT VOTE FOR MORE THAN ONE)

A. Win a military victory.

B. Withdraw our armed forces in accordance with a planned schedule.

C. Withdraw all our armed forces immediately.

QUESTION NO. 6

A. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcholic beverages (whisky, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

YES
NO

B. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?

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YES
NO

C. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises?

YES
NO

D. Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale of all alcholic beverages by hotels having a dining room capacity of not less than ninety-nine persons and lodging capacity of not less than fifty rooms?

YES
NO

QUESTION NO. 7

A. Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed horse races be permitted in this county?

YES
NO

B. Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed dog races be permitted in this county?

YES
NO

C. Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed horse races at county fairs be permitted in this county?

YES
NO

The polls will be open at eight (8) o'clock A.M. and will close at eight (8) o'clock P.M., and you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at each of the following places; (Bulletin Boards) one at the intersection of Gulf Road and Federal Street; one at the intersection of Metacomet Street and Bay Road; one at the intersection of Turkey Hill Road and Rockrimmon Street; one at the intersection of So. Liberty Street and South Street; one at the intersection of Keyes Street and Depot Street; one at the Old Town Hall; and one in Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereof to the town clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting. Given under our hands this 23rd day of October, A.D. 1970.

Board of Selectmen
Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Chairman
William H. Squires, Jr.
Michael S. Mathras
Eleanor L. Schmidt
Arthur J. Moriarty

To the Town Clerk:

The town meeting warrant is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the warrant and in the town by-laws have been complied with.
October 24, 1970

State Election—November 3, 1970

Polls opened in all precincts at 8:00 a.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m.

Name	Prec. A	Prec.B.	Totals
Senator in Congress			
Edward M. Kennedy, Dem.	598	150	748
Josiah A. Spaulding, Rep.	596	67	663
Lawrence Gilfedder, Soc-Lab	9	1	10
Mark R. Shaw, Prohib.	3	0	3
Blanks	31	6	37
Total	1237	224	1461
Governor & Lt. Governor (Team)			
Sargent & Dwight, Rep.	622	68	690
White & Dukakis, Dem.	507	115	622
Blanks	108	41	149
Total	1237	224	1461
Governor (Individual)			
Henning A. Blomen, Soc-Lab.	2	1	3
John Charles Hedges, Prohib.	1	0	1
Blanks	1234	223	1457
Total	1237	224	1461
Lt. Governor (Individual)			
Albert E. Bates, Prohib.	2	0	2
Francis A. Votano, Soc-Lab.	0	1	1
Blanks	1235	223	1458
Total	1237	224	1461
Attorney General			
Donald H. Conn, Rep.	521	62	583
Robert H. Quinn, Dem.	681	153	834
Willy N. Hogseth, Soc-Lab.	10	3	13
Blanks	25	6	31
Totals	1237	224	1461
Secretary			
John F.X. Davoren, Dem.	569	155	724
Mary B. Newman, Rep.	615	63	678
Murvin A. Becker, Prohib.	3	0	3
Edgar E. Gaudet, Soc-Lab.	7	1	8
Blanks	43	5	48
Totals	1237	224	1461
Treasurer			
Robert Q. Crane, Dem.	690	159	849
Frederick D. Hannon, Rep.	483	53	536
John B. Lauder, Prohib.	1	0	1
Roy K. Nelson, Soc-Lab.	13	2	15
Blanks	50	10	60
Totals	1237	224	1461
Auditor			
Thaddeus Buczko, Dem.	673	168	841
Frank P. Bucci, Rep.	492	45	537
Raymond J. Gray, Soc-Lab.	11	3	14
Roger I. Williams, Prohib.	12	0	12
Blanks	49	8	57
Totals	1237	224	1461
Congressman (2nd District)			
Edward P. Boland, Dem.	951	199	1150
Blanks	286	25	311
Totals	1237	224	1461
Councillor (7th District)			
William J. McManus, Dem.	847	185	1032
Blanks	390	39	429
Totals	1237	224	1461
Senator (State)			
Philip A. Quinn, Dem.	628	160	788
David A. Panaia, Rep.	559	56	615
Blanks	50	8	58
Totals	1237	244	1461
Representative in General Court (2) 2nd Hampshire)			
James R. Nolen, Dem.	939	184	1123
John W. Olver, Dem.	748	135	883
Blanks	787	129	916
Totals	2474	448	2922
District Attorney (North-West Dist.)			
Oscar Grife, Rep.	589	66	655
John M. Callahan, Dem.	599	148	747
Blanks	49	10	59
Totals	1237	224	1461
Clerk of Courts (Hampshire County)			
Salvatore A. Polito, Dem.	902	191	1093
Blanks	335	33	368
Totals	1237	224	1461
Register of Deeds (Hampshire County)			
Robert F. Czelusniak, Dem.	897	191	1088
Blanks	340	33	373
Totals	1237	224	1461
County Commissioner (Hampshire)			
Fred B. Grinnell, Jr., Rep.	606	79	685
David B. Musante, Jr., Dem.	568	131	699
Blanks	63	14	77
Totals	1237	224	1461

Question No. 1 (Different tax rates)

Yes	428	75	503
No	623	112	735
Blanks	186	37	223
Totals	1237	224	1461

Question No. 2 (Residence 6 or 12 months)

Yes	766	129	895
No	289	47	336
Blanks	182	48	230
Totals	1237	224	1461

Question No. 3 (Voting age 19)

Yes	580	82	662
No	479	83	562
Blanks	178	59	237
Totals	1237	224	1461

Question No. 4 (Census for Districts)

Yes	563	85	648
No	331	59	390
Blanks	343	80	432
Totals	1237	224	1461

Question No. 5 (Vietnam)

A.	226	48	274
B.	612	92	704
C.	283	50	333
Blanks	116	34	150
Totals	1237	224	1461

Question No. 6 All alcoholic

A. Yes	905	152	1057
A. No.	201	35	236
Blanks	131	37	168
Totals	1237	224	1461

Wines, beer & ale

B. Yes	831	141	972
B. No	190	29	219
Blanks	216	54	279
Totls	1237	224	1461

All alcoholic, package

C. Yes	853	141	994
C. No	163	57	220
Blanks	221	26	247
Totals	1237	224	1461

All alcoholic, hotels

D. Yes	818	135	953
D. No.	174	27	201
Blanks	245	62	307
Totals	1237	224	1461

Question No. 7 (Pari-mutual betting?)

A. Yes	820	153	973
A. No	281	39	320
Blanks	136	32	168
Totals	1237	224	1461
B. Yes	629	118	747
B. No	386	53	439
Blanks	222	53	275
Totals	1237	224	1461
C. Yes	809	147	956
C. No	237	50	287
Blanks	191	27	218
Totals	1237	224	1461

Number of ballots cast November 3, 1970

Precinct A.	1237
Precinct B.	224
Total vote	1461

Registered voters as of November 3, 1970

	Prec. A	Prec. B	Totals
Democrat	406	112	518
Republican	518	53	571
Independent	756	156	912
	1680	321	2001

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

General Information

Annual Town Meeting

Elections	1st Monday in March
Appropriations	2nd Monday in March

Tax Rate	$ 48.00	School Population	
General	17.92	Elementary	696
School	30.08	Junior High	234
		Senior High	353
	$ 48.00		1283

Assessed Valuation

	1969	1970	Increase
Real Estate	$16,953,790.00	$18,342,140.00	$1,388,350.00
Personal Property	1,160,840.00	1,372,815.00	211,975.00
	$18,114,630.00	$19,714,955.00	$1,600,325.00

U.S. Senators

Edward M. Kennedy
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Edward W. Brooke
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

U.S. Representative

Edward P. Boland
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

State Senator

Philip A. Quinn
Spencer, Massachusetts

State Representatives

James R. Nolan
Ware, Massachusetts

John W. Olver
Amherst, Massachusetts

County Commissioners

Office—Court Building, Northampton, Massachusetts

John H. Brequet, Chairman
70 High Street
Haydenville, Massachusetts

Edward M. O'Brien
18 Dragon Circle
Easthampton, Massachusetts

David B. Musante
29 Forest Glen Drive
Florence, Massachusetts

County Officers

Judge of Probate & Insolvency
Hon. Harry Jekanowski

Register of Deeds
Robert F. Czelusniak

Register of Probate & Insolvency
Frank E. Tuit, II

Clerk of Courts
Salvatore A. Polito

Sheriff
John F. Boyle

District Attorney Northwestern District

John M. Callahan
64 Woodbridge Terrace
South Hadley, Massachusetts

County Treasurer
Howard A. Banner

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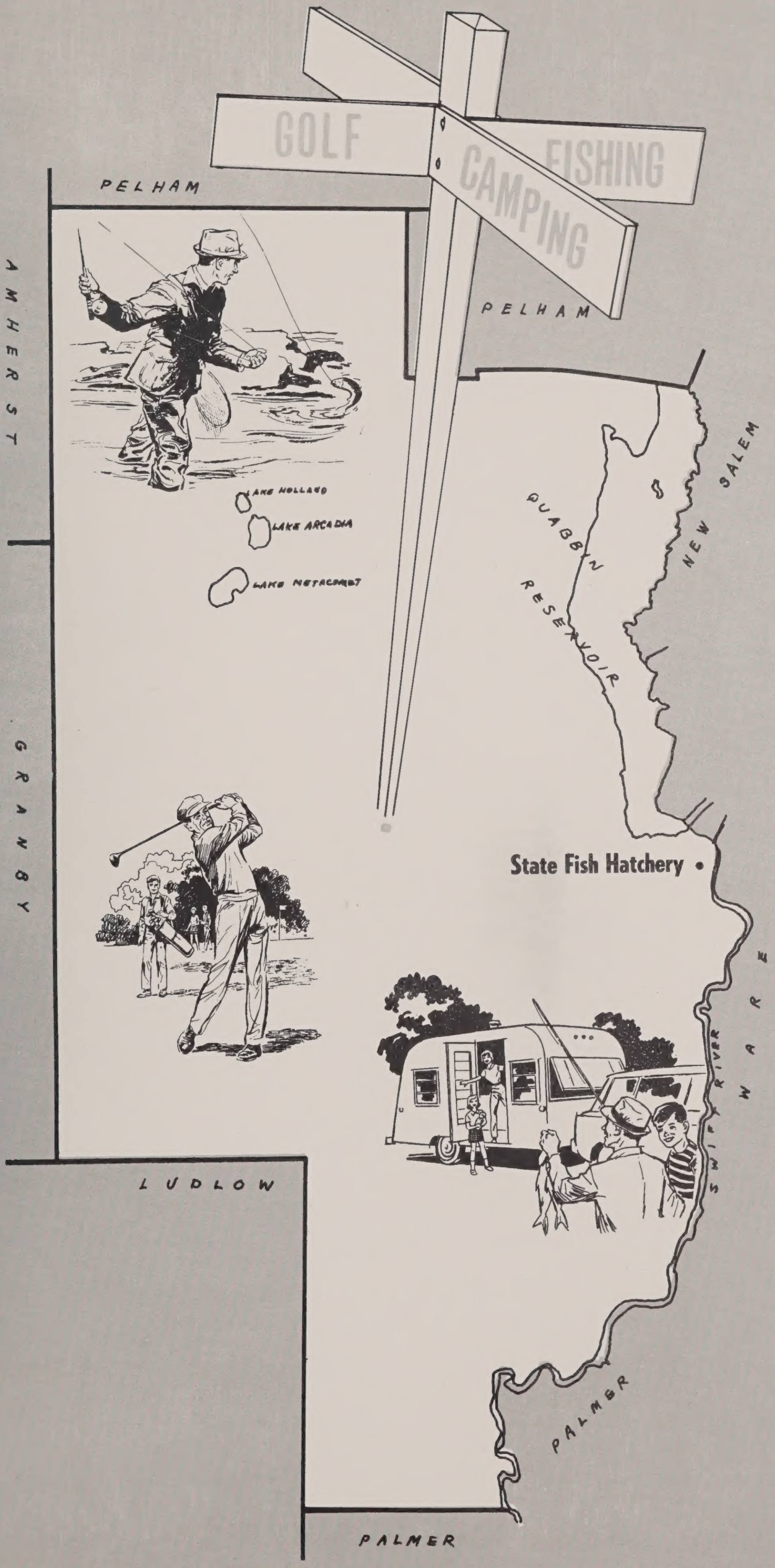
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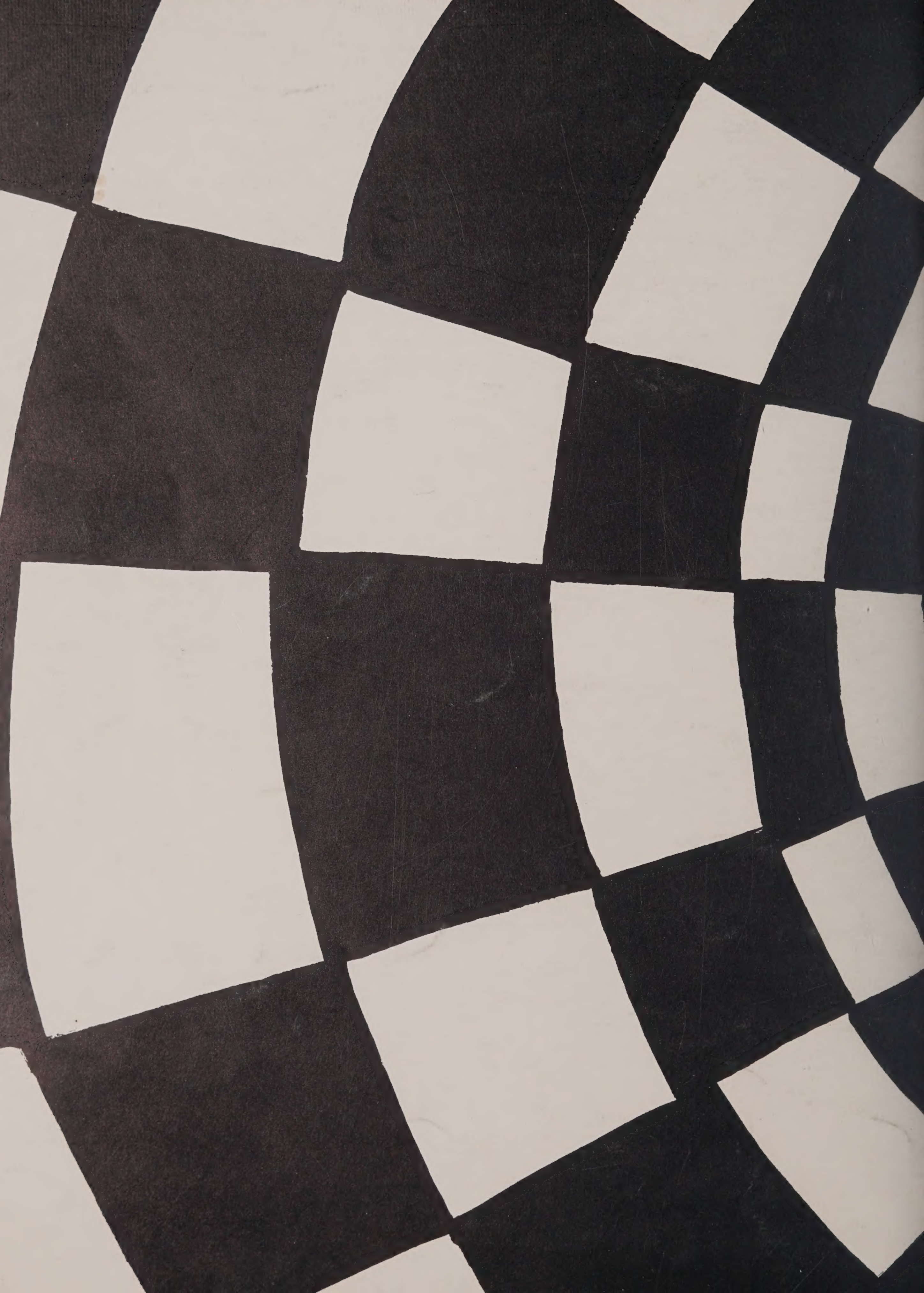
LAKE METACOMET
State Fish Hatchery



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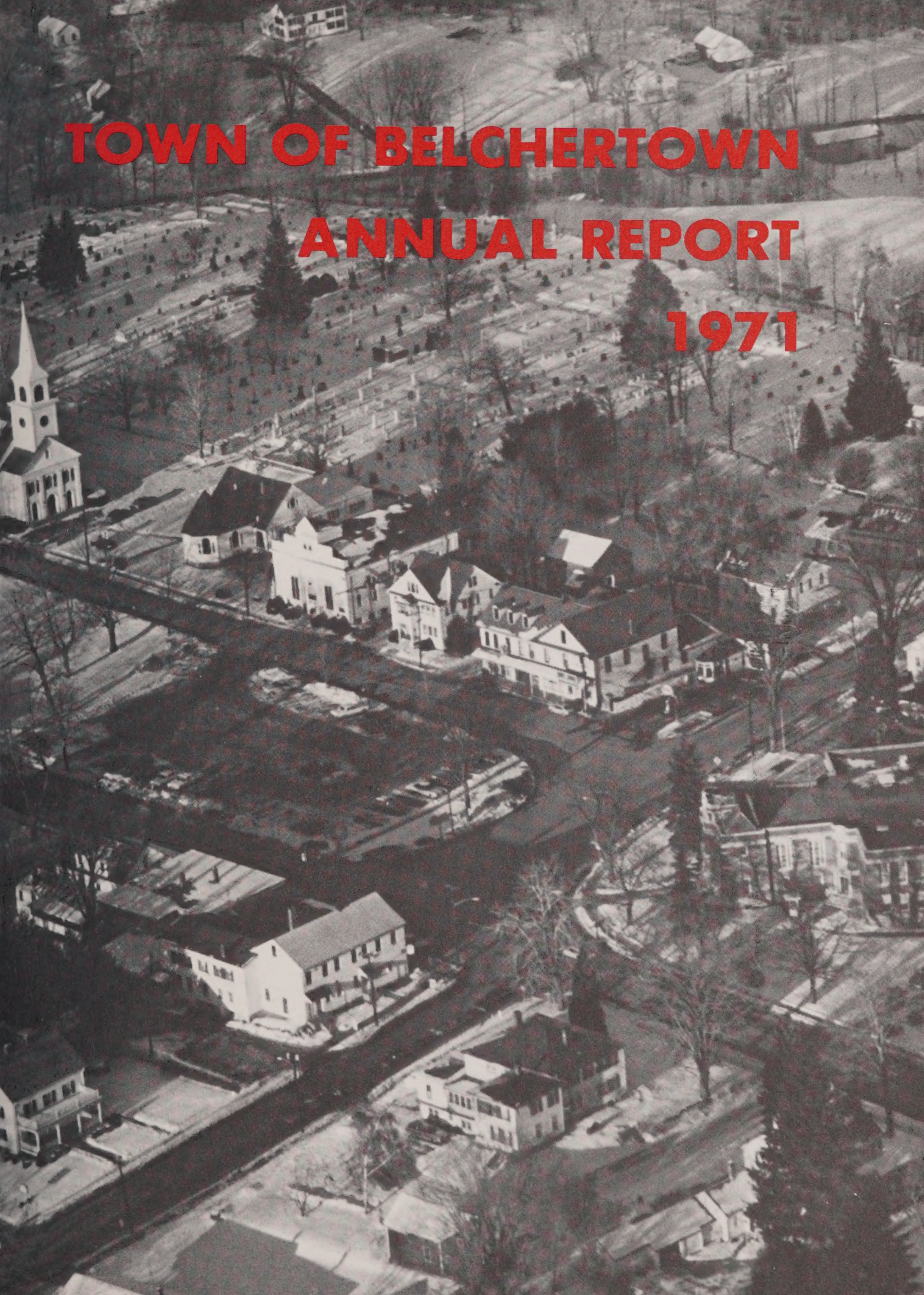

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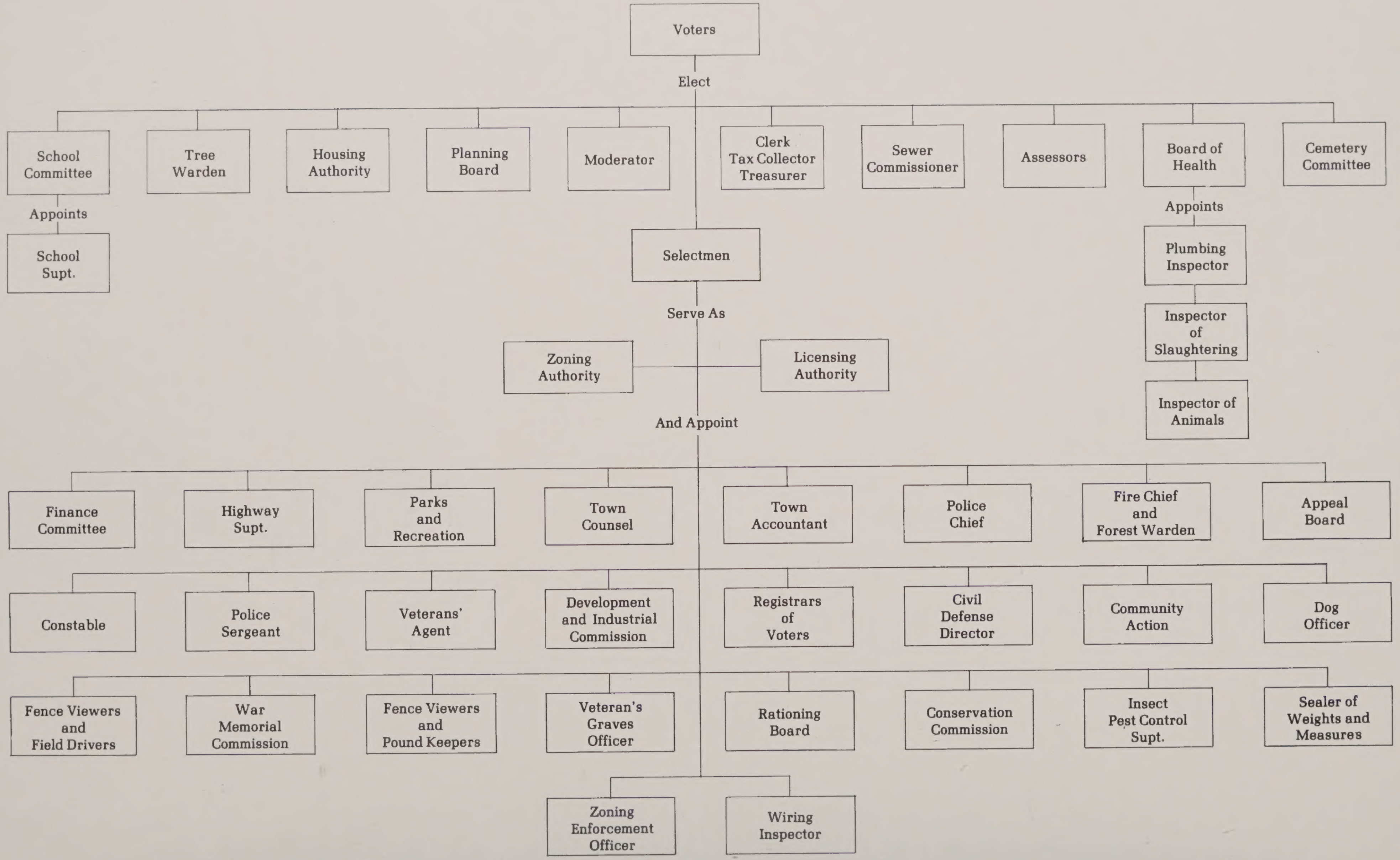

Voters
Elect
School Committee
Appoints
School Supt.
Tree Warden
Housing Authority
Planning Board
Moderator
Clerk Tax Collector Treasurer
Sewer Commissioner
Assessors
Board of Health
Appoints
Plumbing Inspector
Inspector of Slaughtering
Inspector of Animals
Cemetery Committee
Selectmen
Serve As
Zoning Authority
Licensing Authority
And Appoint
Finance Committee
Highway Supt.
Parks and Recreation
Town Counsel
Town Accountant
Police Chief
Fire Chief and Forest Warden
Appeal Board
Constable
Police Sergeant
Veterans' Agent
Development and Industrial Commission
Registrars of Voters
Civil Defense Director
Community Action
Dog Officer
Fence Viewers and Field Drivers
War Memorial Commission
Fence Viewers and Pound Keepers
Veteran's Graves Officer
Rationing Board
Conservation Commission
Insect Pest Control Supt.
Sealer of Weights and Measures
Zoning Enforcement Officer
Wiring Inspector

Annual Report of the Town of Belchertown Year ending December 31, 1971

This Town Report is respectfully dedicated to our Selectman who served Belchertown faithfully and well.

Michael S. Mathras
1915-1971

Michael Mathras, born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, arrived in Belchertown in 1936. He was one of many young men who came from the Boston area to clear the brush from the floor of Quabbin Reservoir. His ability to work for and with others was soon apparent. A foreman job was his before he turned 21.

And, as young men do, he found his life-long partner living with the Smola family on Turkey Hill. Mary Smola loved Michael and Belchertown. Married in St. Francis Church in 1938, ever vigilant Michael acquired, not one, but both. Three fine children, Marianne, Martha and Michael, Jr., made their home complete.

He was a man who met his responsibilities—his family, his town and his job. Belchertown citizens, too, thought well of him, they elected him a Selectmen over a span of 15 years.

Town Officers 1971

Elected Officers

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Moderator	
Charles W. Jackson		1972
	Town Clerk	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		Resigned
Mrs. Pauline C. Johnson		1972
	Board of Selectmen	
Mrs. Eleanor L. Schmidt		1972
Arthur J. Moriarty		1973
William H. Squires, Jr.		1973
William Gerry Whitlock		1974
Michael S. Mathras		Deceased
	Treasurer	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		Resigned
Mrs. Pauline C. Johnson		1972
	Tax and Town Collector	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		Resigned
Mrs. Pauline C. Johnson		1972
	School Committee	
Mrs. Dorothy A. Rhodes		1972
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.		Resigned
George C. Smith, Jr.		1972
William M. Russell		1973
Harold E. Mellin		1973
Richard D. Pratt		1974
	Planning Board	
Donald S. Cole		1972
John J. Sullivan, III		1973
Stanford J. Harrington		1974
Everett W. Plant		1975
Roy E. Cunningham		1976
	Cemetery Commissioner	
Edward L. Fuller		1972
Roy P. Reece, Jr.		1973
Daniel W. MacPhee		1974
	Board of Assessors	
Samuel J. Joyal		1972
Walter L. Papp		1973
Isaac A. Hodgen		1974
	Housing Authority	
Harold W. Curtis		Resigned
Kenneth W. Thayer		1972
Hudson Holland		Resigned
H. Morgan Ryther		Resigned
Louis J. Austin		1972
Arlan V. Skinner		1972
Mrs. Edna H. Camp		1974
James B. Baker		1975
	Tree Warden	
Albert W. Brown		1972
	Sewer Commissioners	
D. Donald Hazen		Resigned
Peter A. Whittaker		1972
A. Preston Atwood		1972
Harry L. Brougham		1973
	Board of Health	
James A. Bonafini, Sr.		1972
Miles J. Hubler		1973
Mrs. Charlotte P. Ketchen, R.N.		1974
	Pathfinder Regional Vocation-Technical High School District Committee Member	
David A. Staples		1972
	Almoners—Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds	
Mrs. Ruth B. Fuller		1972
Mrs. Sophia M. Pero		1972
	Trustee, Calvin Bridgman Fund	
George A. Poole		1972
D. Donald Hazen		1973
Mrs. Rachel G. Shumway		1974

Appointed Officers

	Town Accountant	
Mrs. Pauline C. Johnson		Resigned
Mrs. Deborah A. Downing		7/31/74
	Assistant Town Clerk	
Mrs. Margaret S. Kirby		3/1/72
	Assistant Town Treasurer	
Mrs. Margaret S. Kirby		12/31/71
	Deputy Collector	
Oren K. Gilbert		Resigned
Mrs. Margaret S. Kirby (office)		12/31/71
Norman C. Jeffrey		12/31/71
	Finance Committee	
Edward H. Gates		1972
Kenneth H. Snow		1972
Alton B. Hull		1973
Walter L. Papp		Resigned
Donald C. McKenney		1974
Donald R. Laporte		1974
	Town Counsel	
Paul T. Ford, Attorney		1972
	Chief of Police and Constable	
Ernest M. Gay		1972
	Constable	
Andrew T. Sears		Resigned
	Fire Chief and Forest Warden	
Louis E. Fuller		1972
	Superintendent of Streets	
Albert L. LePage		1972
	Inspector of Wiring	
Walter J. Henry		1972
	Special Constable	
Norman C. Jeffrey		1972
	Dog Officer	
Wallace F. Chevalier		1972

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Albert W. Brown	1972

Veterans' Services Agent

Earl F. Henrichon	1972

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Royal K. Gay	1972

Zoning By-Law Enforcement Officer

Henry Bleau	1972

Veterans' Graves Officer

Milton A. Butler	1972

Registrar of Voters

Mrs. Mary T. Carr	1972
Mrs. M. Rose Sorrell	1973
Mrs. Ethel H. Hawkins	1974

Board of Appeals

Henry Renouf	1972
Donald Perham	1973
Walter J. Carmody	1974
David L. Sussman (Associate Member)	1974

Fence Viewer and Field Driver

Bernard H. Beauregard	1972

Fence Viewer and Pound Keeper

Bernard H. Beauregard	1972
Leonard H. Syriac	Resigned

Assistant Civil Defense Director

Florian B. Czupkiewicz	1972

Radio Officer

Robert H. Phoenix	1972

Radio Operator

Henry Depot	1972
Philip Depot	1972

Parks, Beach and Recreation

Mrs. Elinor J. Tolpa	1972
Mrs. Joan P. Fuller	1972
Mrs. Marjorie Rege	1972
Michael P. Forgue	1972
Anthony T. Russo	1972

War Memorial Committee

Isaac A. Hodgen	1972
Frederick E. Lincoln	1972
William H. Squires, Jr.	1973
Roy F. Whidden	1973
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	1974
Mrs. Alice Samborski	1974

Rationing Board

Michael S. Mathras	Deceased
Arthur J. Moriarty	1972
William H. Squires, Jr.	1972

Public Weighers

Joseph Tolpa	1972
Joseph Tolpa, Jr.	1972
Rudolph Smola	1972
Robert G. Anderson	1972

Community Action Committee

Mrs. Ann Austin	1972
Mrs. Charlotte Ketchen	1972
Francis P. Loftus	1972
Ronald F. Machado	1972

Development and Industrial Comm.

Roy H. King, Sr.	1972
Harvey M. Dickinson	1972
Peter S. Galuszka	1973
Channing Kimball	1973
William H. Squires, Jr.	1974
Patrick Kamins	1974
Donald K. Shaw	Deceased
Ruthella M. Tucker	1975

Conservation Commission

E. Holland Low	1972
Sherman Gould	1972
Louis LaFromboise	1972
Henry Renouf	1972
Mrs. Barbara E. Sullivan	1972

Associate Members

Albert Brighenti	1972
Albert W. Brown	1972

Police Officers

Chief

Ernest M. Gay	1972

Sergeant

Merton L. Pratt	1972
Randolph H. Brown	1972

Officers

Julius J. Matusko	1972
Edward S. Czech	1972
Lester M. Beaudoin	1972
G. Parker Ketchen	1972
Raymond E. Breton	1972
Alexander M. Cochrane	1972
David A. Conkey	1972
Elmer M. Potter	1972
James S. Tucker	1972
George E. Deering III	1972
Benjamin J. Williams	1972
Richard W. Besse	1972
Andrew T. Sears	Resigned
Mrs. Pauline C. Johnson	1972
Philip Vanasse	1972
Mrs. Patricia Antonovitch	1972
Ernest M. Gay, Jr.	1972

Special Police—School Traffice

Mrs. Lillian Austin	1972
James R. Lodge	1972
Mrs. Patricia W. Antonovitch	1972

All other, Specials

A. Preston Atwood	1972
Nelson J. Hill	1972
Stanley Antonovitch	1972
Richard I. Cole, Jr.	1972
Mrs. Lois E. Lowe	1972
Isaac A. Hodgen	1972
Ralph Goodreau	1972
Henry L. Lloyd	1972
Ronald Zobka	1972
Bruno E. Lindner	1972

Board of Health Appointments

Report Clerk	
Mrs. Doris S. Squires	1972
Agent Sanitarian	
John A. Brickett	1972
Inspector of Animals	
Louis J. Austin	1972
Inspector of Slaughtering	
Adam L. Antonovitch	1972
Inspector of Plumbing	
Edward F. Czupkiewicz	1972
Special Agent at Belchertown State School	
Lawrence P. Bowser, Sr., M.D.	1972
Advisor to Board	
Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.	1972

Selectmen's Report

The Board of Selectmen submits its Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1971.

In submitting the report of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee to the citizens of Belchertown we are discussing probably the most improtant issues now before our community. Growth and change in Belchertown have become the most significant issues facing Belchertown in the past few years. This year alone some sixty-five single family housing permits were issued. As we have stated in the past, our neighboring Town of Amherst is probably the fastest growing community in Western Massachusetts and we are bound to grow as Amherst restricts its development. Thus we should prepare ourselves and work together with the Boards we now have. During the past year the Board of Appeals and the Planning Board have been extremely active due to this increased growth in Belchertown. These two Boards are not only non-paid but they will be demanded to make great decisions in the next few years concerning the future of Belchertown. It is our hope that we, as citizens, will support these Boards in their decisions and requests for the coming year.

The Board continued to meet regularly on Monday nights, which we have found to be most convenient for our citizens. Several other Town Boards have joined with us and are also meeting on Monday. Again this year the Selectmen have sub-divided their Board so that each member would be in contact with the various Town Departments. Each member reports back to the full Board at each meeting. We have found this system to be most effective and several other communities have followed our method. We also have had regular meetings with the following communities: Granby, Ware, Palmer, Pelham, Leverett, Shutesbury and Sunderland. At these joint meetings various Town problems are discussed and all Boards gain with many new ideas.

The Board was saddened during the year with the passing of its member Michael Mathras. Mr. Mathras served to Town for many years as Selectman. The Board decided, in respect to Mr. Mathras to finish the remaining months as a four member Board.

The Belchertown Board of Selectmen was honored to be the Host Town for the 43rd Massachusetts Selectmen's Annual State-Wide Town Meeting which was held at the University of Massachusetts.

The Board of Selectmen has stressed the joint meetings of all elected and appointed Boards during the year. We all feel that even more joint meetings will be needed in the future. The Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the School Committee held several joint meetings on different occasions to discuss various Town problems.

In comparing Belchertown with other communities we have discovered how fortunate we are to have such modern and up-to-date facilities in our schools. We are also about to begin construction this year of a new regional vocational-technical high school which will aid our community immensely. Much thanks go to David Staples, the School Committee member for the District, and to Walter Papp. These two men have worked diligently to make this school become a reality.

Belchertown is fortunate to have water and sewer systems covering the center of Town and a sewer treatment plant at the Belchertown State School. For the facilities of the plant we are assessed annually 54% of the operating costs. Last year, along with the Sewer Commissioners, we recommended that the Town treat is sewer lines with the Penetryn System to prevent infiltration of water into the system. This program was initiated last year and has been found to be most successful. We suggest that you view this operation in the spring when we are treating the various lines.

We have continued our work with Tighe and Bond on the new South Belchertown sewer system. This system has the approval of the state and federal governments for funding. We have also received written approval from the Selectmen in Palmer giving us permission to tie into their system and we are now waiting for the completion of their work.

Our sanitary land fill area has caused much grief and concern during the year and will probably prove to demand the highest budget increase for 1972. We are fortunate to have 100 acres of Town owned land, however, unless we receive the support of our citizens, we are going to be forced to spend even more money on this area. Environmental

Pollution Control Laws are extremely strict and will be enforced. We are looking into such solutions as merging with the Belchertown State School or the Town of Granby.

Not much has been accomplished in planning the Route 9 by-pass this year due to lack of state and federal funds. We hope to meet with various communities on this soon.

The Board was successful in securing funds in the amount of $5,500.00 from the State Safety Program for a new town ambulance. These funds were supplemented by a donation of $5,500.00 by the Policemen's Association for which the Town should be very thankful. It is with the help of such groups as the Policemen's Association (which helped us secure an ambulance) and the Firefighter's Association (which supplied and equipped at no cost to the Town a new forest fire truck) that we are able to have such excellent equipment. A great deal of gratitude is due these groups.

Probably the greatest steps that we have taken this year have been in making our voices heard in Boston. We have attended several hearing with the Selectem's Association on the welfare system. We believe that the State should take steps to reform this billion dollar budget as the money could be spent for better housing, for pollution control, for mental health, for education and a host of other public needs. Until such time as the public welfare is abandoned by the state government and taken over by the federal government we can see no property tax relief.

Each year our own local budgets are increased, basically due to salaries and services which are required. We do encourage that you attend our Annual Town Meeting and help to make Belchertown a better place to live.

We would like to thank all those who have helped and worked for our community and hope that others will join in in the years to come. Looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Town Meeting in March.

The Board of Selectmen,
Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Chairman
Arthur J. Moriarty
Eleanor L. Schmidt
William H. Squires, Jr.

Wm. Gerry Whitlock, General Chairman of State Convention, receiving award from Roy Nutting, 1971 President of Massachusetts Selectmen's Association. Lt. Gov. Donald Dwight seated at right.

Report of Tree Warden & Local Supt. of Insect Pest Control

I hereby submit my report for 1971 as Tree Warden and Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control.

Tree Warden: This department did the usual amount of trimming low, dead and dangerous limbs. August brought quite a bit of storm damage. Twenty-six trees were removed and twenty Rock Maples were planted in various sections of Town.

Dutch Elm Disease: Fifteen elm trees were tested in 1970 and were removed at the beginning of this year. Thirty-six new trees were tested in 1971 and all but fifteen have been removed at this time.

Insect Pest Control Department: Methoxychlor was used to spray elm trees twice this year. Other trees were sprayed about Town for various tree pests.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert W. Brown
Tree Warden
Local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Report of Town Accountant

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1971:

		RECEIPTS
GENERAL REVENUE		
Taxes		
Current year		
Real Estate	$856,757.51	
Personal Property	77,110.80	
Previous Years		
Real Estate	43,724.04	
Personal	2,367.36	
Tax Title Redemptions	2,091.29	
Farm Animal		
Current year	937.20	
Previous year	85.00	
Trailer taxes	1,554.00	
	————	
		$984,627.20
From the State		
MDC—In Lieu of Taxes	$16,152.46	
Loss of Taxes	288.00	
Valuation Basis	16,962.04	
Machinery Basis	2,241.49	
Chapter 70	203,175.04	
	————	
		$238,819.03
LICENSES AND PERMITS		
Alcoholic Beverages	$4,000.00	
		$4,000.00
FINES AND FORFEITS		
Court & Jail	$910.00	
		$910.00
GRANTS AND GIFTS		
Federal		
School		
Public Law 864—Title III	$1,104.74	
Public Law 874	7,198.00	
ESEA—Title I	7,223.00	
ESEA—Title II	1,773.97	
	————	
		$17,299.71
State		
Vocational Education	$1,727.00	
Transportation & Tuition	50,853.00	
School Lunch	97,054.02	
Adult Education	183.00	
Building Assistance	34,666.79	
Aid to Deaf Education	2,472.17	
Chapter 71 & 74	22,243.00	
Highways—Chapter 81	19,429.14	
Highways—Chapter 90 Construction (1969 & 1970)	36,000.00	
Library Aid	1,296.50	
Other	192.00	
Road Machinery Earnings	1,759.31	
	————	
		267,875.93
County		
Dog Fund	$2,596.00	
Aid to Highways—Chapter 90 Construction (1969 &1970)	18,000.00	
Highway Safety Program	2,643.80	
Aid to Snow Removal	1,732.04	
	————	
		$24,971.84
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		
Sewer Charges		
Current year	$6,274.18	
Previous year	526.99	
	————	
		$6,801.17
PRIVILEGES		
Motor Vehicle		
Current year	$92,570.21	
Previous years	18,523.62	
	————	
		$111,093.83
DEPARTMENTAL		
General Government		
Selectmen		
Licenses	$2,211.00	
Collector		
Penalties & Costs	1,081.00	
Town Clerk		
Fees	1,995.15	
Board of Appeals		
Fees	50.00	
Planning Board		
Fees	30.00	
Memorial Hall & Old Town Hall		
Rentals	105.00	
	————	
		$5,472.15
Public Safety		
Police Department		
Licenses & Accident Reports	$628.00	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	144.90	
Fire Department	26.00	
	————	
		$798.90

Health & Sanitation		
Board of Health		
Licenses & Permits	$147.50	
		$147.50
Accounts Receivable		
Miscellaneous	$666.30	
Veterans' Benefits	9,860.65	
	————	
		$10,526.95
Schools		
Sale of Lunches	$39,398.33	
High School Athletics	1,639.10	
All Other	60.91	
	————	
		$41,098.34
Public Assistance		
Medical Assistance	$86.83	
		86.83
Unclassified		
Rental of Properties not used for Municipal Purposes	$300.00	
	————	
		$300.00
Cemeteries		
Sale of Lots	$365.00	
Sundry Burials	1,605.00	
	————	
		$1,970.00
Interest		
On Deposits	$4,215.71	
On Tax Titles	115.69	
On Life Insurance	130.82	
On Taxes & Excises	2,447.59	
	————	
		$6,909.81
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		
Anticipation of Revenue	$600,000.00	
		$600,000.00
AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENTS		
Agency		
Sporting Licenses		
1971	$3,497.00	
1972	273.00	
Dog Licenses	2,790.15	
Payroll Deducations		
Federal	119,523.70	
State	31,805.50	
Retirement	10,540.94	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield—Employees	12,545.71	
Blue Cross—Blue Shield—Pensioners	581.89	
Blue Cross—Blue Shield—O.M.E.	963.28	
Group Life	1,118.54	
Trust		
Perpetual Care Income	680.00	
Susan M.D. Bridgman Income	2,362.50	
Nellie E. Brown	10.00	
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	800.00	
George D. Longley Music Fund	439.00	
	————	
		$187,931.21
REFUNDS		
To Estimated Receipts	$6,023.27	
Veterans'	336.17	
Insurance	286.00	
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District	7.00	
School Department-No. 4000	11.00	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	179.24	
School Lunch	128.40	
Road Machinery Expense Account	3.23	
Unpaid Bills Account	73.00	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield—Town Appropriations	17.06	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield—Employees	17.05	
Highways—Bridges	37.80	
Street Lighting	799.33	
Petty Cash		
School Lunch	25.00	
Guidance	50.00	
Principal	50.00	
Superintendent	50.00	
	————	
		$8,093.55
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$2,519,733.95
CASH CARRIED FORWARD DECEMBER 31, 1970		276,885.49
		————
GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH FORWARD FROM 1970		$2,796,619.44

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Selectmen, Salaries		$3,974.54
Expenses:		
Office expenses	$189.37	
Assoc. dues & meetings	622.01	
Telephone	515.55	
Mileage	259.40	
Other	139.18	
	————	
		1,765.51

Town Accountant & Administrative Sec.,		
Salary		5,921.03
Expenses:		
Clerical wages	4,340.84	
Typewriter	588.00	
Assoc. dues & meetings	29.70	
Office expenses	354.07	
Mileage	38.40	
Other	119.68	
	————	
		5,470.69
Treasurer,		
Salary		3,200.00
Expenses:		
Clerical wages	3,243.22	
Bonds	323.00	
Postage	270.00	
Assoc. dues	6.00	
Office expenses	145.15	
Mileage & meetings	42.50	
	————	
		4,029.87
Collector,		
Salary		3,400.00
Expenses:		
Clerical wages	3,040.51	
Bonds	524.00	
Assoc. dues	6.00	
Postage	520.00	
Office expenses	428.60	
Other	10.00	
	————	
		4,529.11
Assessors		
Salaries		1,516.67
Expenses:		
Clerical wages	4,308.21	
Maintaining valuation wages	1,955.27	
Mileage, meetings & assoc. dues	404.71	
Telephone	211.28	
Office expenses	796.30	
Transfers & deeds	166.20	
Legal fees	250.00	
Calculator	545.00	
Other	79.75	
	————	
		8,716.72
Assessors Maps		5,000.00
Finance Committee		
Expenses:		
Wages	25.00	
Assoc. dues & meetings	89.00	
Postage	10.00	
	————	
		124.00
Town Clerk		
Salary		1,600.00
Expenses:		
Clerical wages	1,558.31	
Bonds & dues	52.00	
Travel & meetings	103.20	
Office expenses	319.56	
Box rent & postage	127.20	
Telephone	208.40	
Advertising	28.00	
	————	
		2,396.67
Law Account		
Retainer fee	800.00	
Law Books	202.40	
Other law	1,019.10	
Photography	28.50	
	————	
		2,050.00
Special Law Account		
Fees	965.42	
	————	
		965.42
Election & Registration		
Clerical wages	510.93	
All other wages	1,085.91	
Street listing	3,094.05	
Legal notices	59.50	
Posting warrants	35.84	
Printing	97.00	
Mileage	11.50	
Other	48.25	
	————	
		4,942.98
Planning Board		
Clerical wages	331.25	
Assoc. dues	40.00	
Mileage & travel expenses	25.75	
Professional services	2,300.00	
Office expenses	116.72	
Advertising	40.00	
Blueprints & maps	93.00	
	————	
		2,946.72
Board of Appeals		
Office expenses	37.60	
	————	
		37.60

Zoning By-Law Officer,		
Salary		400.00
Expenses:		
Mileage	117.40	
Printing	49.92	
	————	
		167.32
Conservation Commission		
Assoc. dues	25.00	
	————	
		25.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall		
Wages	792.00	
Care of grounds	56.40	
Utilities	406.34	
Supplies & fixtures	278.22	
Floor	212.50	
Curtains	424.77	
Flowers	14.42	
Other	31.69	
	————	
		2,216.34
Town Garage		
Wages	284.87	
Utilities	850.89	
Repairs & supplies	365.60	
	————	
		1,501.36

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department		
Chief's Salary	8,500.00	
Paid holidays	307.68	
Expenses:		
Officer's wages	28,481.51	
Mileage, dues & other	253.61	
Gas, oil & tires	2,972.45	
Maintenance of vehicles	1,933.90	
Garage rent	180.00	
Equip., badges & uniforms	899.54	
Telephone	1,061.38	
Legal fees	1,905.00	
Office expenses	586.03	
	————	
		47,081.10
Cruiser		2,712.70
Radar & Slash System		1,293.80
Fire Department		
Chief's Salary	300.00	
Subscriptions & assoc. dues	13.00	
Permits	30.00	
Gas & oil	29.44	
Utilities	1,168.66	

Snow removal	80.00	
Repairs & replacements	1,242.15	
Supplies & equipment	1,624.36	
Wages & hired equipment	361.85	
	————	
		4,849.46
Plectron Alerting System		4,477.15
Hydrant Service		4,000.00
Insect Pest Control		
Hired equipment	726.00	
Materials & chemicals	68.40	
	————	
		794.40
Dutch Elm Disease		
Wages	1,063.50	
Hired equipment	824.50	
Assoc. dues	12.00	
	————	
		1,900.00
Tree Warden		
Wages	1,502.50	
Hired equipment	697.50	
Trees	300.00	
	————	
		2,500.00
Forest Fire Account		
Chief's Salary	300.00	
Wages	1,900.00	
	————	
		2,200.00
Water Storage Holes		60.95
Wiring Inspector		400.00
Sealing Weights & Measures		
Salary	300.00	
Expenses	74.91	
	————	
		374.91
Dog Officer Fees		
Care & custody	1,820.00	
Destroying dogs	182.00	
	————	
		2,002.00
Dog Officer Expense		
Wages	58.00	
Excavation	38.00	
Expenses	232.50	
	————	
		328.50

Civil Defense, Salary		320.83
Expenses		109.63

HEALTH & SANITATION

Board of Health		
Salary		350.00
Expenses:		
Clerk of Infectious Disease	75.00	
Animal Inspection	395.00	
Plumbing Inspector	300.00	
Sanitarian wages	716.00	
Sanitarian expenses	254.00	
Pest control	120.00	
Clinics	1,395.01	
Utilities	1.41	
Office expenses	146.60	
Assoc. dues	6.00	
Mileage & other	279.50	
		3,688.52

Sewer Commissioners, Salaries		628.81
Sewer Maintenance		
Wages	1,505.76	
Hired equipment	361.00	
Materials	238.23	
Supplies	9.48	
Mowing	176.25	
Sewer engineering	1,710.50	
Sewer sealing	6,374.25	
		10,375.47

Town Dump		
Wages	2,354.13	
Bulldozing	3,771.00	
Materials	483.06	
Hired equipment	1,818.50	
Supplies	64.12	
Gate	380.00	
Tool shed	125.00	
		8,995.81

HIGHWAYS

Chapter 81		
Wages	16,636.18	
Hired equipment	385.00	
Materials	15,528.82	
Mowing	525.00	
		33,075.00

Chapter 90 Construction (Bay)		
Wages	2,134.75	
Hired equipment	20,057.50	
Materials	1,030.00	
Moving charges	23.00	
		23,245.25

Chapter 90 Construction (Federal)		
Wages	5,457.69	
Town equipment	1,199.41	
Hired equipment	364.50	
Materials	13,673.17	
Hired wages	60.00	
		20,754.77

Chapter 90 Maintenance		
Wages	6,538.34	
Town equipment	559.90	
Hired equipment	256.50	
Materials	9,155.01	
Mowing	1,080.00	
Hired wages	410.25	
Repairs & replacements	50.31	
		18,050.31

Chapter 768, Federal Street		
Wages	1,323.61	
Materials	266.30	
		1,589.91

General		
Wages	8,732.37	
Hired equipment	777.00	
Materials	1,609.36	
Sign machine materials	80.55	
Legal fees & deeds	177.20	
Supplies	144.35	
Garage	120.00	
Paint	216.35	
Mowing	450.00	
Hired wages	15.00	
		12,322.18

Streets		
Wages		13,000.00
Winter Employment		
Wages		7,486.62
Brushcutting		
Wages	1,326.50	
Hired equipment	1,119.50	
Materials	52.65	
		2,498.65

Bridges		
Wages	832.82	
Hired equipment	70.00	

Materials	1,041.40	
	————	
		1,944.22
Sidewalks		
Contractor		2,000.00
Snow Removal		
Wages	12,522.57	
Hired equipment	10,323.33	
Salt & sand	16,756.22	
Cutting edges	301.24	
Supplies & materials	98.00	
	————	
		40,001.36
Road Machinery Expense		
Diesel fuel	525.35	
Diesel tax	250.34	
Repairs & maintenance of vehicles	4,703.61	
Gas & oil	3,544.97	
Equipment & materials	812.43	
Other	3.00	
	————	
		9,839.70
Street Lighting		10,247.95
Tamper		650.00
Slide-in-sander		2,528.40

VETERANS' DEPARTMENT		
Veterans' Agent		
Salary		650.00
Veterans' Benefits		
Ordinary benefits	10,663.37	
Heat	1,946.52	
Nursing home	6,875.02	
Hospital	4,146.05	
Medication	2,136.25	
Nurses & doctors	3,246.90	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	219.63	
Ambulance	139.00	
Insurance	152.97	
Wages	235.50	
Other	887.85	
	————	
		30,649.06

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES	
General Control (1000)	33,204.40
Instruction (2000)	684,414.78
Other School Services (3000)	116,459.83
Operating & Maintenance (4000)	108,551.53
Programs with other schools (9000)	32,004.82
(For breakdown see Classification of School expenditures, 1971 in Superintendent's Report)	
Public Law 85-864, Title III	3,408.49
Public Law 874	13,685.27
E.S.E.A., Title I	7,136.72
E.S.E.A., Title II (1970)	424.66
E.S.E.A., Title (1971)	1,773.13
High School Athletic	3,287.41

School Lunch Program		
Wages	17,170.88	
Food	42,481.96	
Other expenses	8,623.19	
	————	
		68,276.03
Clapp Memorial Library		
Wages	4,166.75	
Mileage	68.90	
Supplies	52.61	
Insurance	571.00	
Utilities	872.72	
Books & periodicals	1,664.44	
	————	
		7,396.42

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Parks, Beach & Recreation		
Wages	4,821.50	
Care of grounds	1,032.00	
Equipment, repairs, replacement	897.43	
Utilities	1,197.62	
Supplies	231.23	
Hired equipment	45.00	
Other	87.88	
	————	
		8,312.66
Unclassified Account		
Advertising	178.37	
Paper supplies	81.45	
Paper for copy machine	800.53	
Printing	28.00	
Legal fees	140.90	
Other	24.00	
	————	
		1,253.25
Printing Town Reports		1,590.35
Unpaid bills of 1970		1,091.96
Patriotic exercises		231.20
Rental of American Legion		225.00
Insurance Account		29,712.55
Town Clock		300.00
Pathfinder Assessment		775.85
Voting booths		569.94

PAYROLL DEDUCATIONS	
Federal withholding taxes	125,412.80

Retirement	10,437.80
State withholding taxes	31,239.26
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, employees	13,402.06
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, pensioners	535.05
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, O.M.E.	967.20
Group life	1,195.34
REFUNDS	
Current year (1971):	
Real Estate	4,334.47
Personal property	540.00
Special assessments	110.97
Motor vehicle excise	3,088.59
Previous years:	
Real estate	152.40
Personal property	168.00
Motor Vehicle excise	1,264.35
	————
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,537,086.14
CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1971	259,533.30
	————
GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH FORWARD FROM 1970	$2,796,619.44

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah A. Downing
Town Accountant

DEBT ACCOUNT—1971

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 12/31/70	Paid In 1971	Outstanding 12/31/71	Due in 1972
Sewer Construction	1949	2.5	$4,000.00	$1,000.00	$3,000.00	$1,000.00
School Building Loan	1951	2.1	22,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
School Building Loan	1952	2.1	16,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
New Jr.-Sr. High School Loan	1963	3.1	585,000.00	45,000.00	540,000.00	45,000.00

DEBT STATEMENT—1971

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:	
Inside the Debt Limit	$11,000.00
Outside the Debt Limit	551,000.00
	————
	$562,000.00

HAMPSHIRE NATIONAL BANK
Leopold's
FANCY CANDY
LUNCHEONETTE
GREETING CARDS

Serial Loans:	
Inside the Debt Limit:	
Sewer Construction Loan of 1948	$3,000.00
School Building Loan of 1952 (1949)	8,000.00
	————
	$11,000.00
Outside the Debt Limit:	
School Building Loan of 1952	$11,000.00
School Building Loan of 1963	540,000.00
	————
	$562,000.00

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
Balance Sheet—December 31, 1971

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

GENERAL ACCOUNTS
Assets

Cash		$259,533.30
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1969:		
Personal Property		312.80
Levy of 1970:		
Personal Property	$645.60	
Real Estate	12,090.80	
		12,736.40
Levy of 1971:		
Personal Property	3,732.00	
Real Estate	41,648.49	
		45,380.49
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1969	1,177.38	
Levy of 1970	3,292.57	
Levy of 1971	15,328.43	
		19,798.38
Special Assessments:		
Sewer Rentals—1971		925.11
Special Tax:		
Levy of 1971:		
Farm Animal Excise		105.00
Tax Titles and Possessions:		
Tax Titles	5,666.19	
Tax Possessions	2,119.19	
		7,785.38
Departmental:		
Highway-Damages and Miscellaneous		144.00
Aid to Highways:		
State	56,875.00	
County	17,000.00	
		73,875.00
Loans Authorized:		
Assessor's Maps		18,000.00
Due From County:		
Dog Officer Fees		242.00
Appropriations Due from State Highway Fund:		
Chapter 768, Acts of 1969		6,141.00

Liabilities and Reserves

Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes	$2,941.40	
State	3,814.87	
County Retirement System	1,119.97	
Group Hospitalization Insurance	1,402.18	
Group Life Insurance	102.00	
		$9,380.42
Overpayments—to be refunded:		
Levy of 1969:		
Real Estate		64.40
Agency:		
State-Sporting Licenses	274.00	
County-Dog Licenses	7.95	
Due Town of Granby:		
Share of Welfare District Balance	3,064.65	
Old Age Assistance Recovery:		
Federal and State Share	3,426.64	
		6,773.24
Tailings		1,997.14
Trust Fund Income:		
Susan M.D. Bridgman Charity	9,991.90	
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	2.88	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	1,545.75	
		11,540.53
Investment Funds:		
To Be Invested:		
Conservation Fund	600.00	
Parsons Field House Fund	3,353.53	
		3,953.53
Federal Grants:		
Medical Assistance	8,760.96	
Schools:		
Public Law No. 81-874, Education	229.36	
Public Law No. 85-864, National Defense	1,344.34	
Public Law No. 88-210, Elementary and Secondary	6.62	
Public Law No. 89-10, Elementary and Secondary	157.65	
		10,498.93
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch	3,480.36	

Due From Stabilization Fund:	
Assessor's Maps	8,000.00
Overlay Deficits:	
Levy of 1969	64.40
	453,043.26

Athletic Fund	247.19	
		3,727.55
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
General		31,253.32
Non-Revenue:		
New Junior-Senior High School	1,688.30	
Interceptor Sewer	2,231.61	
		3,919.91
Loans Authorized and Unissued:		18,000.00
Overestimates 1971:		
State:		
State Recreation Areas	1,374.17	
Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution District	72.88	
County:		
County Tax	444.04	
		1,891.09
Sale of Real Estate		3,363.68
Sale of Cemetery Lots		2,144.50
Receipts Reserved for Appropriations:		
Road Machinery		2,351.14
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		3,158.16
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1970	7,657.04	
Levy of 1971	7,335.34	
		14,992.38
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	19,798.38	
Farm Animal Excise	105.00	
Special Assessments	925.11	
Tax Title and Possessions	7,785.38	
Departmental	144.00	
Aid to Highways	73,875.00	
		102,632.87
Surplus Revenue:		
General:		221,400.47
		453,043.26

ITEMIZED REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Report of Appropriations and Expenditures for the Year Ending December 31, 1971

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1971 Annual Town Meeting		Additions	Amount Available For Expenditure	Expend	Balances
Moderator	25.00			25.00	0	25.00
Selectmen—Salaries	4,200.00			4,200.00	3,974.54	225.46
Selectmen—Expenses	3,000.00			3,000.00	1,765.51	1,234.49
Town Accountant—Secretary—Salary	6,300.00			6,300.00	5,921.03	378.97
Town Accountant—Secretary—Expenses	4,075.00	T	115.00			
		STM	1,500.00	5,690.00	5,470.69	219.31
Treasurer—Salary	3,200.00			3,200.00	3,200.00	0
Treasurer—Expenses	2,760.00	T	300.00			
		STM	920.00			
		T	49.87	4,029.87	4,029.87	0
Collector—Salary	3,400.00			3,400.00	3,400.00	0
Collector—Espenses	3,015.00	T	300.00			
		STM	1,270.00	4,585.00	4,529.11	55.89
Assessors—Salaries	1,600.00			1,600.00	1,516.67	83.33
Assessors—Expenses	9,700.00			9,700.00	8,716.72	983.28
Assessors Maps		CF	8,000.00	8,000.00	5,000.00	3,000.00
Finance Committee	150.00			150.00	124.00	26.00
Town Clerk—Salary	1,600.00			1,600.00	1,600.00	0
Town Clerk—Expenses	1,120.00	R	55.75			
		STM	1,300.00			
		R	59.50	2,535.25	2,511.92	23.33
Law Account	2,050.00			2,050.00	2,050.00	0
Special Law Account	1,000.00			1,000.00	965.42	34.58
Election & Registration	2,980.00	STM	1,930			
		T	29.98			
		T	3.00	4,942.98	4,942.98	0
Planning Board	3,050.00			3,050.00	2,946.72	103.28
Board of Appeals	125.00			125.00	37.60	87.40
Zoning By-Law Officer—Salary	400.00			400.00	400.00	400.00

Zoning By-Law Officer—Expenses	150.00	T	17.32	167.32	167.32	0
Conservation Commission	150.00			150.00	25.00	125.00
Conservation Fund	200.00	CF	400.00	600.00	0	600.00
Industrial & Development Commission	200.00			200.00	0	200.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall	2,805.00	R	179.24			
		R	27.50	3,011.74	2,216.34	795.40
Town Garage	1,800.00			1,800.00	1,501.36	298.64
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Police Department	42,383.00	T	2,500.00			
		STM	2,200.00	47,083.00	47,081.10	1.90
Police Department—Radar & Slash	1,293.80			1,293.80	1,293.80	0
Police Department—Cruiser	2,815.00			2,185.00	2,712.70	102.30
Fire Department	4,500.00	R	361.85	4,861.85	4,849.46	12.39
Fire Department—Plectron Alerting System	4,500.00			4,500.00	4,477.15	22.85
Forest Fire Account	2,200.00			2,200.00	2,200.00	0
Water Storage Holes	800.00			800.00	422.80	377.20
Hydrant Service	4,000.00			4,000.00	4,000.00	0
Insect Pest Control	800.00			800.00	794.40	5.60
Dutch Elm Disease	1,600.00	T	300.00	1,900.00	1,900.00	0
Tree Warden	2,500.00			2,500.00	2,500.00	0
Wiring Inspector	500.00			500.00	400.00	100.00
Sealing of Weights & Measurers	375.00			375.00	374.91	.09
Dog Officer—Expenses	300.00	T	20.00			
		T	25.00	345.00	328.50	16.50
Civil Defense—Salary	350.00			350.00	320.83	29.17
Civil Defense—Expenses	400.00			400.00	109.63	290.37
HEALTH & SANITATION						
Board of Health—Salaries	350.00			350.00	350.00	0
Board of Health—Expenses	3,850.00			3,850.00	3,688.52	161.48
Sewer Commissioners—Salaries	650.00			650.00	628.81	21.19
Sewer Maintenance	21,500.00	CF	10,127.79			
		STM	5,000.00	36,627.79	10,375.47	26,252.32
Town Dump	6,000.00	CF	120.00			
		STM	3,000.00	9,120.00	9,023.31	96.69
HIGHWAYS						
Chapter 81	33,075.00			33,075.00	33,075.00	0
Chapter 90 Construction (1971)	44,000.00		.02	44,000.02	44,000.02	0

Chapter 90 Maintenance	18,000.00	R	50.31	18,050.31	18,050.31	0
Chapter 768 (Federal Street)		CF	1,589.89			
		T	.02	1,589.91	1,589.91	0
General	11,500.00	T	200.00			
		T	500.00			
		T	122.18	12,322.18	12,322.18	0
Winter Employment (General)	7,500.00			7,500.00	7,486.62	13.38
Brushcutting (General)	2,500.00			2,500.00	2,498.65	1.35
Bridges	2,000.00	R	37.80	2,037.80	1,944.22	93.58
Streets	13,000.00			13,000.00	13,000.00	0
Sidewalks	2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00	0
Snow Removal	40,000.00	T.	1.36	40,001.36	40,001.36	0
Road Machinery Expense	10,478.61	R	3.23			
		STM	1,600.00	12,081.84	9,890.01	2,191.83
Street Lighting	9,720.00	R	799.33	10,519.33	10,247.95	271.38
Slide-In Sander	2,675.00			2,675.00	2,528.40	146.60
Utility Tamper	675.00			675.00	650.00	25.00
Interceptor Sewer	0	CF	2,231.61	2,231.61	0	2,231.61
VETERANS' SERVICES						
Veterans' Agent—Salary	650.00					
Veterans' Benefits	22,000.00			650.00	650.00	0
		T	1,000.00			
		STM	12,000.00			
		R	336.17	35,336.17	30,649.06	4,687.11
SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES						
School Department						
1000 Administration	33,230.00			33,230.00	33,204.40	25.60
2000 Instruction	703,764.00			703,764.00	684,414.78	19,349.22
2000 From Trust		CF	2.88	2.88	0	2.88
3000 Other Services	116,472.00			116,472.00	116,459.83	12.17
4000 Operation	108,583.00	R	11.00	108,594.00	108,551.53	42.47
900 Programs with Other Schools	35,430.00			35,430.00	32,004.82	3,425.18
Clapp Memorial Library	5,500.00	STM	1,296.50			
		T	600.00	7,396.50	7,396.42	.08
RECREATION & UNCLASSIFIED						
Parsons Field	1,000.00	CF	2,353.53	3,353.53	0	3,353.53
Parks, Beach & Recreation	8,500.00			8,500.00	8,312.66	187.34
Aquatic Nuisance Control	1,000.00			1,000.00	0	1,000.00
Unpaid Bills of 1970	676.39	STM	127.00			
		STM	288.57			
		R	73.00	1,164.96	1,091.96	73.00

Purchase of Land for Cemetery Purposes		CF	1.00	1.00	0	1.00
Unclassified Account	1,330.00			1,330.00	1,253.25	76.75
Printing Town Reports	1,900.00			1,900.00	1,590.35	309.65
Patriotic Exercises	275.00			275.00	231.20	43.80
Insurance Account	26,027.00	T	700.00			
		T	2,538.55			
		T	447.00			
		R	286.00	29,998.55	29,998.55	286.00
Renovation of Old Town Hall	500.00			500.00	0	500.00
Town Clock	300.00			300.00	300.00	0
Rental of American Legion	300.00			300.00	225.00	75.00
Reserve Fund	10,000.00			10,000.00	9,569.30	430.70
Engineering—South End of Belchertown	1,000.00			1,000.00	0	1,000.00
Voting Booths	600.00			600.00	569.94	30.06
CEMETERIES						
Cemetery Commissioners—Salaries	600.00	CF	1.337.29	600.00	600.00	0
Cemetery Expenses	4,563.00	PCI	1,898.96	7,799.25	6,253.50	1,545.75
Veterans' Graves	200.00			200.00	146.00	54.00
INTEREST & MATURING DEBT						
Interest	29,927.00			29,927.00	26,237.61	3,689.39
Maturing Debt	86,000.00			86,000.00	41,000.00	45,000.00
Pensions—Town Appropriations	17,572.00			17,572.00	17,571.62	.38
Blue Cross—Blue Shield—Town Appropriations	15,131.00	R	17.06	15,148.06	13,247.34	1,900.72
Group Life—Town Appropriations	1,176.00			1,176.00	1,048.60	127.40

KEY

T	Transfer from Reserve Fund
CF	Carried Forward
R	Refund
STM	Special Town Meeting
PCI	Perpetual Care Interest

Trust and Investment Funds

Cash and securities in custody of Treasurer	$140,766.35

In custody of Treasurer:	
Cemetery Perpetual Care-Bequests	$38,948.90
Stabilization Fund	59,006.27*
Susan M.D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	767.13
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	1,270.97
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,237.78
George D. Longley Music Fund	2,019.46
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	6,698.02
Whiting Street Poor Fund	14,048.25
Susan M.D. Bridgman Poor Fund	11,174.11
Willard A. Stebbins (Cemetery)	2,183.30
Vienna E. Somes Cemetery Fund	412.16
	$140,766.35

*Includes $8,000.00 which is to be withdrawn for the Assessors' Maps Account. Voted at Annual Town Meeting, March 9, 1970, Article 30.

Report of Tax and Town Collector

1970 Real Estate Taxes		
Outstanding 1/1/71		$55,898.72
Refunded		69.60
To be refunded		73.20
Abated	$136.80	
Collected	43,740.72	
Outstanding 12/31/71	12,164.00	
	$56,041.52	
		$56,041.52

1971 Real Estate Taxes		
Committed for collection		$928,269.12
Refunded		4,334.47
To be refunded		67.20
Abated	$31,544.40	
Tax Titles	2,635.20	
Collected	856,775.50	
Outstanding 12/31/71	41,715.69	
	$932,670.79	
		$932,670.79

1969 Personal Property Taxes		
Outstanding 1/1/71		$312.80
Outstanding 12/31/71	$312.80	
	$312.80	
		$312.80

1970 Personal Property Taxes		
Outstanding 1/1/71		$3,252.96
Refunded		168.00
Abated	$408.00	
Collected	2,367.36	
Outstanding 12/31/71	645.60	
	$3,420.96	
		$3,420.96

1971 Personal Property Taxes		
Committed for collection		$81,301.20
Refunded		540.00
Abated	$998.40	
Collected	77,110.80	
Outstanding 12/31/71	3,732.00	
	$81,841.20	
		$81,841.20

1970 Farm Animal Excises		
Outstanding 1/1/71		$85.00
Collected	$85.00	
	$85.00	
		$85.00

1971 Farm Animal Excises

Committed for collection		$1,042.20
Collected	$937.20	
Outstanding 12/31/71	105.00	
	$1,042.20	$1,042.20

1969 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding 1/1/71		$2,271.64
Refunded		87.61
Abated	$1,087.00	
Collected	94.87	
Outstanding 12/31/71	1,177.38	
	$2,359.25	
		$2,359.25

1970 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 1/1/71		$16,036.22
Committed in 1971		6,584.94
Refunded		1,176.74
Abated	$2,076.70	
Collected	18,428.63	
Outstanding 12/31/71	3,292.57	
	$23,797.90	
		$23,797.90

1971 Motor Vehicle Excises

Committed for collection		$117,889.28
Refunded		3,088.59
To be refunded		79.40
Abated	$13,079.23	
Collected	92,570.21	
Outstanding 12/31/71	15,407.83	
	$121,057.27	
		$121,057.27

Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable

Outstanding 1/1/71		$2,319.40
Committed for collection		736.30
Abated	$2,145.40	
Collected	766.30	
Outstanding 12/31/71	144.00	
	$3,055.70	$3,055.70

1969 Sewer Charges (Liens)

Outstanding 1/1/71		$49.03
Collected	49.03	
Oustanding 12/31/71	0.00	
	$49.03	
		$49.03

1970 Sewer Charges (Liens)

Outstanding 1/1/71		$471.97
Abated	$12.00	
Collected	459.97	
Oustanding 12/31/71	0.00	
	$471.97	
		$471.97

1971 Sewer Charges

Committed for collection		$7,117.99
Refunded		54.78
To be refunded		56.19
Abated	$29.67	
Collected	6,274.18	
Outstanding 12/31/71	925.11	
	$7,228.96	
		$7,228.96

Total collections during 1971

Taxes, excises, liens	$1,098,876.91
Fees (warrant and demand)	1,081.00
Interest on all taxes, excises and liens	2,447.59
Paid to town treasurer	$1,102,405.50

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline C. Johnson
Tax and Town Collector

Town Clerk Report

Statistics **Financial** **Town Meetings**

BIRTHS

Place	Boys	Girls
Holyoke	12	8
Needham	1	0
Northampton	11	7
Ware	12	7
Montague	3	4
Springfield	3	3
Belchertown	0	1
Greenfield	0	1
Melrose	1	0
	43	31

Total birth recorded at Belchertown—74

MARRIAGES

	Male	Female
Resident	50	56
Non-resident	38	32
	88	88

Married at	No.
Belchertown	49
Out of town	37
Out of state	2
	88

Payments to

	Amount
Division of Fisheries & Game	$3,855.00
County of Hampshire	2,790.15
Town of Belchertown	1,965.15
	$8,610.30

DEATHS

Recorded at Belchertown—50
Males 33, Female 17
Resident 42, Non-resident 8

Place of death	No.
Belchertown	22
Springfield	5
Ware	7
Amherst	1
Palmer	5
Westfield	1
Sunderland	2
Northampton	5
Ludlow	1
Holyoke	1

Town Clerk Financial

Receipts	Amount	No. Items
Sporting Licenses (Gross	$4,025.30	788
Dog Licenses (Gross)	3,006.00	795
B-M-D certified copies	250.00	250
Birth depositions	1.00	2
U.C.C. & Terminations	929.50	366
Marriage Intentions	166.00	79
Pole location orders	73.00	18
Registration & Disc. of Business	10.50	11
Registration to store fuel	12.50	25
Federal liens	24.00	8
Licenses, raffles & bazaars	70.00	7
Sale of town maps	28.50	51
Misc. & bulk attachments	13.00	3
Copy of records	1.00	1
	$8,610.30	2404

Report of Town Treasurer

Cash on hand	$276,885.49	Payments, as authorized	$2,537,086.14
Receipts of 1971	2,519,733.95	Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1971	259,533.30
	$2,796,619.44		$2,796,619.44

Income from savings deposits, excluding trust funds, $2,316.75

Funds borrowed during 1971, as authorized (discounted short term notes)

Note	Dated	Amount	Due	Rate	Discount
264	4/21/71	$200,000.00	11/5/71	1.98 per cent	2,167.00
266	6/28/71	300,000.00	11/26/71	3.10 per cent	3,900.78
267	9/1/71	100,000.00	12/1/71	2.95 per cent	745.29

Total borrowed—$600,000.00 at a cost of $6,813.07

During the year 1971, the town, all departments, employed 402 persons.

Gross wages earned before deductions	$943,109.87
Less all payroll deducations	212,748.55
New wages paid to employees	730,361.32

Trust Funds

Calvin Bridgman (High School)	7,149.83	800.00	348.19		6,698.02
George D. Longley (Music)	2,345.06	439.00	113.40		2,019.46
Susan M.D. Bridgman (Cemetery)	731.20		35.93		767.13
Whiting Street	13,389.61		658.64		14,048.25
Williard A. Stebbins (Cemetery)	2,080.98		102.32		2,183.30
Calvin Bridgman (Library)	4,038.76		199.02		4,237.78
S.M.D. Bridgman (Poor)	7,314.33		359.78		7,674.11
Vienna Sommes (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	392.88		19.28		412.16
Perpetual Care (Cemeteries)	38,478.90	1,898.96	2,074.07	680.00	39,334.01
Nellie E. Brown (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	1,226.10	15.00	59.87		1,270.97
Stabilization Fund	46,460.98		2,545.29	10,000.00	59,006.27
	$123,608.63	$3,152.96	$6,515.79	$10,680.00	$137,651.46

Respectfully submitted,
Pauline C. Johnson
Town Treasurer

Persons Drawn for Jury Service During 1971

Name	Date Drawn	Jury Service
Wilfred J. Thibeault	Jan. 4, 1971	Grand
Roland E. Forgette	Jan. 4, 1971	Traverse
Michael P. Forgue	Jan. 25, 1971	Traverse
Stephen Setkewich	Jan. 25, 1971	Traverse
Florian R. Duguay	Mar. 22, 1971	Traverse
Jack Hulmes, Sr.	Mar. 22, 1971	Traverse
Stephanie M. Moriarty	Apr. 26, 1971	Traverse
Mitchell A. Kuc	Apr. 26, 1971	Traverse
Arthur L. Dunbar	Aug. 9, 1971	Traverse
Charles E. Ayers, Sr.	Aug. 9, 1971	Traverse
Donald E. Lacombe	Aug. 9, 1971	Traverse
Edith M. Lacey	Aug. 9, 1971	Traverse
Donald E. Perham	Aug. 9, 1971	Traverse
Jennie T. Greene	Aug. 9, 1971	Traverse
John A. Collis	Aug. 30, 1971	Traverse
Wallace T. Bisnette	Aug. 30, 1971	Traverse
Mildred Plowucha	Sept. 27, 1971	Traverse
Merle R. Green	Sept. 27, 1971	Traverse
Raymond V. Burke	Nov. 1, 1971	Traverse
James J. Walker	Nov. 1, 1971	Traverse

Jury List 1971 - 1972

Name	Address	Occupation and Name and Address of Employer If person is a married woman, husband's name, occupation and name of employer
Austin, Lewis J.	Shea Avenue	Retired, Street Light Patrolman, Mass. Electric Co., North Main Street, Palmer, Ma.
Ayers, Charles E., Sr.	Amherst Road	Maintenance Equipment Operator, Metro. District Comm., Water Division, Belchertown
Bock, Elwyn H.	Park Street	Coordinator, Fontaine Modular Struct., Inc., College Highway, Northampton
Burke, Raymond V.	Old Enfield Road	Carpenter, C.H. Micharisan Co., Torrington, Conn.
Buzzard, Lionel E.	Warner Street	Laborer, M.D.C. Quabbin Reservoir, Belchertown
Casey, Alfred H.	Warren Wright Street	Painter, H.L. Childs & Son, Northampton, Ma.
Chevalier, William J.	Cottage Street	Millwright, Texon Inc., South Hadley Falls, Ma.
Coache, Robert A.	River Street	Assistant Manager, Federal Paper Board, Thorndike, Ma.
Collis, John A.	Main Street	Photo Lithographer, H.I. Newell, Amherst, Ma.
Cook, Paul C.	Franklin Street	Auto Mechanic, Donald Towne, Sargent St., Belchertown
Cook, Richard K.	Chauncy Walker Street	Pre Mix Operator, Monsanto Co., Indian Orchard, Ma.

Cunningham, Roy E., North Main Street	Part-time guard, Atwood Detective Agency, 1346 Elm St., West Springfield, Ma.
Dewhurst, Albert F., Federal Street	Shear Operator, Zero Manufacturing Co., Monson, Ma.
Dudek, Edward J., Bardwell Street	Skilled Laborer, Metro. District Comm., Belchertown
Dunbar, Arthur L., East Walnut Street	Meat Cutter, First National Stores, Northampton, Ma.
Fay, Robert B., Wilson Street	Tractor Driver, Univ. of Mass., Amherst, Ma.
Fuller, Edward L., Mill Valley Road	Insurance Agent, Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency, Inc., Belchertown
Greene, Hubert F., Ware, Road	Broiler Farmer & School Bus Contractor, Self-employed
Andrews, Melvin F., Ballou Street	Poultryman, Belchertown State School, Belchertown
Baker, James B., Springfield Road	Painter, Belchertown State School, Belchertown
Beachell, James A., Franklin Street	Compounder, Uniroyal, Inc., 154 Grove St., Chicopee Falls, Ma.
Bisnette, Wallace T., Allen Street	Milling Machine Foreman, Quabbin Industries, Belchertown
Blaine, Edmond A., Bay Road	Retired, Machine Assembler, B.F. Perkins, Chicopee St., Willimansett, Ma.
Clement, Russell S., Bay Road	Machine Operator, American Pad & Paper Co., 75 Appleton St., Holyoke, Ma.
Crisafulli, Anthony, Federal Street	Machinist, Quabbin Industries, Belchertown
Cunningham, Roy E., North Main Street	Retired, Assembly line worker, Heald Machine Co., New Pond St., Worcester, Ma.
Digris, Benedict C., Mill Valley Road	Mason Tender, N.J. Sanford & Co., 130 Maple St., Springfield, Ma.
Ducharme, Conrad, Howard Street	Supervisor, Mercury Plastics, Fuller Road, Chicopee Falls, Ma.
Eskett, Charles H., State Street	Custodian, Belchertown Public Schools, Belchertown
Green, Merle R., Jackson Street	Insurance Agent, Prudential Insurance Co., 33 Eastland St., Springfield, Ma.
King, Roy H., Sr., North Washington Street	Manager, Frozen Foods Dept., Gula's Supermarket, Palmer, Ma.
Mailloux, Frederick E., Warren Wright Street	Custodian, Amherst College, Amherst, Ma.
Plowucha, John S., Sr., North Main Street	Packer, A. Scott Graphics, 195 Appleton St., Holyoke, Ma.
Viens, Leo J., Bay Road	Forger's Helper, Storms Drop Forge, 70 Storms Court, Springfield, Ma.
Hayward, James F., Federal Street	Electricians Helper, Belchertown State School, Belchertown
Hislop, Irving R., North Washington Street	Superintendent, Monsanto Chemical Co., Worcester St., Springfield, Ma.
Hodgen, Isaac A., Sargent Street	Board of Investments, Ware Savings Bank, Trustee, Ware, Ma.
Hubler, Miles J., Warren Wright Street	Part-time engineer, Warren Wright St., Belchertown, Ma.
Kamins, Patrick D., Chadbourne Street	Self employed, Kamins, Inc., 55 South Pleasant St., Amherst, Ma.
Knight, Richard H., Eskett Road	Shift Leader, Monsanto Co., Bircham Bend Plant, Springfield, Ma.
Kulig, Joseph A., Franklin Street	Retired, Supt. of Street, Town of Belchertown, Belchertown
Lacombe, Donald E., Lloyd Avenue	Equipment Control Manager, Campus Center, Univ. of Mass., Amherst, Ma.
Lefebvre, Norman F., Stebbins Street	Die Sinker, Moore Drop Forging, Springfield, Ma.

Main, Kenneth H., Poole Road	Receiving Clerk, C.F.&I. Steel Corp., Palmer, Ma.
Papp, Walter L., Mill Valley Road	Retired, General Engineer, Westover Air Base, Chicopee, Ma.
Perham, Donald E., Springfield Road	Molder, Springfield Foundry Co., 295 Pasco Road, Indian Orchard, Ma.
Peterson, Carl J. Jr., South Main Street	Retired Assoc. Prof. of Education, Westfield State College, Westfield, Ma.
Pratt, Richard D., Kimball Street	Vice President and General Manager, F.C. Taplin Co., Inc., 2005 Riverdale Rd., West Springfield, Ma.
Rhodes, Theodore C., Warren Wright Street	Carpenter Foreman, Univ. of Mass., Amherst, Ma.
Staples, David A., Jackson Street	Service Representative, Rourke—End Paper Co., 261 Weston St., Hartford, Conn.
Terault, Leon J., North Street	Retired, Fireman, Amherst College, Amherst, Ma.
Thibeault, Wilfred J., North Washington Street	Foreman, Heat Treat Department, Amherst Bosch, Springfield, Ma.
Vosburgh, William R., North Liberty Street	Laboratory Lead Analyst, Monsanto Chemical Co., Springfield, Ma.
Walker, James J., Federal Street	Retired, Mail Carrier, U.S. Post Office, South Hadley, Ma.

FEMALE

Chevalier, Roberta E., Sargent Street	Housewife, (Chevalier, Wallace F.) Handyman, Belchertown State School, Belchertown
Farrington, Rachael W., Sabin Street	Assistant Librarian, Clapp Memorial Library, Belchertown, (Farrington, Frank E., Jr.) Second Class Power Plant Engineer, Belchertown State School, Belchertown
Greene, Jennie T., Ware Road	Housewife, School Bus Driver, (Greene, Hubert F.) Broiler Farmer, School Bus Contractor, Self-employed
Hawkins, Ethel H., Ware Road	Housewife, Widow
Lacey, Edith M., State Street	Housewife, Retired Teacher, Belchertown State School, Belchertown, (Lacey, William J.) Retired, Belchertown State School, Belchertown
Squires, Petronella Z., Main Street	Retired, Assembler & Solderer, American Electric Cable Co., Holyoke, Widow
Wenzel, Rose, Bardwell Street	Housewife, Retired, self-employed, Farmer, Bardwell St., Belchertown, (Wenzel, Godfrey) Retired, Foreman, Dearden Iron Works, Willimanset, Ma.
Collis, Janice G., Main Street	Sr. Clerk & Typist, Met. Dist. Commission,, 20 Somerset St., Boston, Ma., (Collis, John A.) Printer, Hamilton I. Newell, University Drive, Amherst, Ma.
Getlin, Bessie, Old Enfield Road	Housekeeper, Mrs. Hudson Holland, Holland Farm, Old Enfield Rd., Belchertown, Ma.
Johnson, Pauline C., Daniel Square	Secretary, Paul T. Ford, South Pleasant St., Amherst, Ma., (Johnson, Warren H.) Supervisor, Lane Construction Co., Meriden, Conn.
Plowucha, Mildred, North Main Street	Housewife, (Plowucha, John S.) Packer, A. Scott Graphics, 195 Appleton St., Holyoke, Ma.
Rhodes, Donella E., Jackson Street	Housewife
Very, Pearl E., Gold Street	Secretary, Amherst Regional High School, Triangle Street, Amherst, Ma. (Very, Frederick S.) Woodworker leader, Westover Air Force Base, Chicopee, Ma.

Assessor's Report

Total appropriations to be raise by taxation	1,488,880.24
Total appropriations to be taken from available funds	119,995.14

Actual amount to be raised by taxes on property

Valuation	Tax Rate 48.00	Tax Assessed
Personal Property	1,693,775.00	81,301.20
Real Estate	19,330,540.00	927,865.92
	————	————
	21,024,315.00	1,009,167.12

Abatements processed during 1971	
Motor Vehicles (681)	15,699.49
Real Estate (60)	4,962.50
Personal Property (6)	734.40
Chap. 41 (Owners over 70 (63)	20,938.80
Chap. 22 (Veterans) (54)	5,443.20
Chap. 17 & 18 (8)	1,156.80

Comparison

Year	Valuation	Tax Rate	Taxes Raised
1967	16,935,640.00	40	677,425.00
1968	17,424,790.00	41	714,416.00
1969	18,114,630.00	46	833,272.00
1970	19,714,955.00	48	946,317.84
1971	21,024,315.00	48	1,009,167.12
Increase in 5 years			
	4,088,675.00	$8	331,742.12

The Board of Assessors welcomed Mr. Walter Papp as a new member to fill an unexpired term.

A legislative-increased gasoline tax bill was supposed to have provided funds to the cities and towns and could have helped to reduce the tax rate. During 1971 these funds were not received and it is extremely doubtful that any will be received in 1972.

During the 1971 legislature several bills were passed which will effect the work load and tax rate.

1. Changes made in exempt clauses.
2. Granting the Registry of Motor Vehicles the right to grant the printing of the excise tax bills to a Massachusetts firm. Last year many hours of paper work to correct hundreds of errors in the bills of which the Registry of Motor Vehicles was responsible. Hopefully this will not reoccur.
3. Permission for the Commissioner of Corporation and Taxation to conduct schools which all assessors shall attend.
4. Permission for the Commissioner of Corporation and Taxation to print a new real property appraisal manual for Massachusetts assessors.

The assessors have received and processed well over 250 property transfers for 1971. We will also begin to receive all plans, subdivisions, etc. recorded at Northampton Registry of Deeds. Each copy will cost $.60 but is a very necessary item for the assessors work.

During July of 1972 we will receive the Town's tax maps (baring any unforeseen complications) which will be one of the bigger tools to help the assessors in their duties. We realize that some corrective work will undoubtedly be found and have to be corrected.

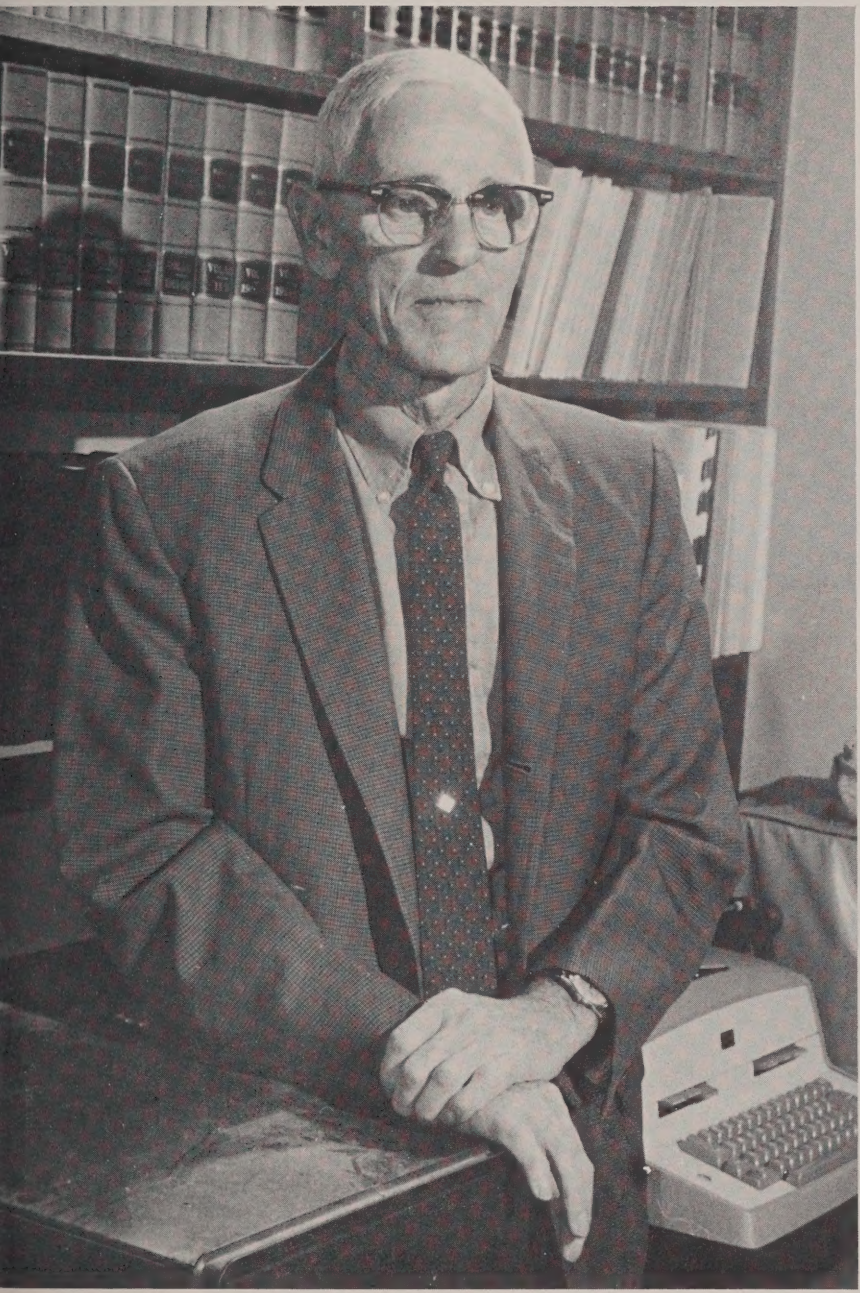
The 1971 building permits are on the increase and our first round of field trips has been completed. We have also completed much of last years incomplete construction.

The State Assessment Bureau, out of Boston, acting under the General Laws has completed its first step of reassessments of all state-owned land. This is done every five years.

Several tax cases were disposed of in which the town received favorable action, amounting to some $70,000. worth of value.

Several property changes may cause minor effects on the total valuation. This is due to the tax exempt status and loss by fires.

Board of Assessors
Samuel J. Joyal, Chairman
Isaac A. Hodgen
Walter L. Papp, Secretary



Retired 1971 Robert D. Camp, Sr., Tax and Town Collector, Town Clerk and Treasurer

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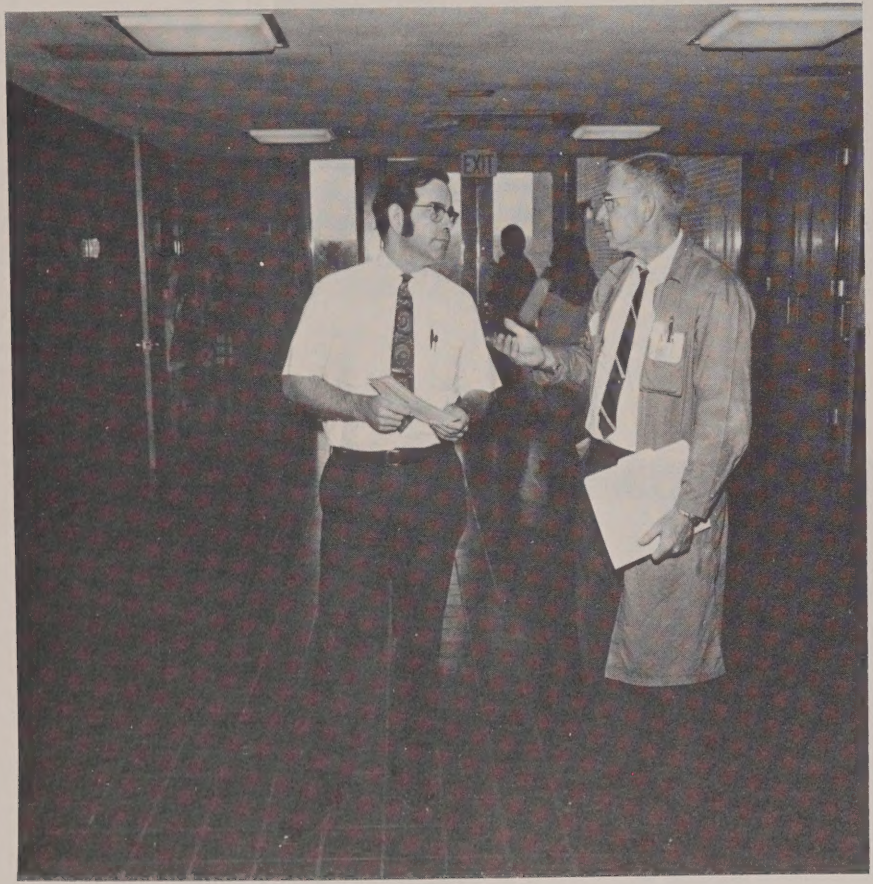
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Police Department Report

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Massachusetts 01007

Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the Police Department for 1971. Following are listed the offenses prosecuted in the District Court of Northampton during the year 1971:

Operating under suspension	1
Receiving stolen property	2
Statutory Rape	4
Assault with deadly weapon	1
Juvenile cases	22
Speeding	133
Driving to endanger	22
Driving while under influence	22
Unregistered and uninsured	11
Stop sign	36
Rules and regulations of road laws	34
Leaving scene of property damage	2
No license or registration in possession	21
Using car without authority	2
Drug cases	14
Drunkeness	30
Disturbing the peace	6
Breaking and entering	3
Fish and game laws	12
Trespassing	1
Minor with liquor in vehicle	20
Assault and battery	13
Neglect and non-support	3
Larceny	4
Sticker	14
Ill treatment of feeble minded	2
Accosting person of opposite sex	6
Unlawful possession of ammunition	1
Auto-liquor	9
Zoning law—mobile home violation	3
Cruelty to animals	3
Exploding fireworks	3
Possession of fireworks	2

Total offenses issued in Northampton District Court 462. There were 253 accidents reported and investigated in 1971, a decrease of 46 over last year. There were 2 fatal accidents in 1971, compared to 3 in 1970, along with 3 suicides in 1971. Fatal accidents require many man hours of work on the local level, with help from the Registry of Motor Vehicles. We assisted other police departments in locating people without telephones, delivering messages, etc. 73 times. This department has investigated 869 complaints, made 105 arrests and 462 cases were prosecuted by me in court.

The cruisers mileage was 64,972 miles, an increase over last year. The use of two cruisers give better coverage and we can now answer emergency calls quicker as the cruisers are out in two sections of the town at the same time. The ambulance was used 168 times, an increase of 31 trips over last year—to take people to the hospital or nursing homes. The Police Association has raised enough money together with federal funds to purchase an ambulance for the town and we are in hopes of having it in service by July 1st. The Police Association keeps the ambulance equipped with the latest equipment and the men that operate it have first aid cards which are required by law. The men are called away from their work quite often as sickness and accidents happen at all hours. I would like to thank the employees who release the men to answer these calls.

73 pistol permits were issued in 1971. Finger printing is required by law on all pistol permits. 63 I.D. cards were issued in 1971. These cards are required to buy ammunition, guns, etc. 7 licenses for dealers in guns and ammunition were issued in 1971.

The department consists of myself as a full-time Chief, 3 Sergeants, 1 Policewoman, and 8 Patrolmen. The department needs one or two full time men.

We have checked vacationers homes 510 times this past year. In checking other buildings we have found 241 doors or windows opened.

I have conducted classes at least twice a month, and have had special speakers in too, giving the men the benefit of my schooling and the knowledge I attained while taking special courses in the past.

I would like to thank the Police Departments of the surrounding towns, the Metropolitan District Police for their help and for answering our phones on a stand-by basis, the State Police, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the District Court officials in Northampton, and our local Fire Chief and his men for the help and cooperation they have given me and my department. At this time I would also like to thank Mr. Arthur Moriarty, Liaison Officer for the police department, for his cooperation and understanding shown to my department.

My sincere thanks to the townspeople who have also cooperated with this department during the past year.

Sincerely,
Ernest M. Gay
Chief of Police

Fire Department Report

I herewith submit my report as Fire Chief and Forest Warden for the year 1971.

Our department had a busy year, both as concerns organization activities, and firefighting.

A new forest fire truck was completed, following endless hours of volunteer work by many of our members, and a great deal of cooperation from interested townspeople.

The interior of the station was painted by the members, and inside water tank fill facilities were completed.

Our call system has been greatly improved by the acquisition of a tone alerting device in each member's home. This has increased member response.

We were saddened by the death of three of our members—Elwyn Bock, Harold Peck and Louis Shumway.

Fire losses were heavy during 1971, totaling: losses to buildings —$63,600.00, losses to contents—$26,000.00.

We responded to a total of 66 calls:

24 Building
11 Auto Fires
24 Brush & Grass
7 False Alarms

I express my thanks to Chief Gay and his department for their fine cooperation, to the staff of Belchertown State School telephone operators, who so ably handle our fire calls, and to all other town departments who have been so cooperative and helpful.

Louis E. Fuller	Chief
Carl J. Peterson	Deputy Chief
Isaac A. Hodgen	Captain
Donald F. Bock	Lieutenant
Raymond R. Menard	Lieutenant

Members

Royal Gay
Edward Gates
Thomas Fuller
William Shattuck
Kenneth J. Thayer
Irving Hislop
John Ribeiro
Edward Fuller
Hugh Hubbard, Jr.
David Hodgen
Robert Smith
Benjamin Williams
Herbert Squires
Albert Dewhurst
Richard McGinnis
Herbert Wood
Richard Knight
Raymond Peeso
Samuel Joyal
David Auclair
Harry Brougham
Paul Greene
Roy Reece, Jr.

Inactive Members

Former Chief Milton C. Baggs
Ernest M. Gay
Sherman Gould
William Squires, Jr.
Fred Lincoln

State School Operators

Margaret Dudrick
Helene Gaudreau
Clare Kelly
Marguetite Mumford
Ruth Neville
Betty Leavitt

Respectfully submitted,
Louis E. Fuller
Fire Chief
Forest Warden

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

To: Selectmen of Town of Belchertown
Tested and Sealed, Jan. 1, 1971,-Dec., 31, 1971

Scales over 10,000 lbs.	1
Scales 100 lbs. to 5,000 lbs.	6
Scales under 100 lbs.	14
Avoidupois Weights	13
Apothecary Troy Weights	7
Gasoline Pumps	28
Kero. and Grease Pumps	10
Cloth Measuring Devices	4
Yard Sticks	11

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer Fee amounting to, $144.90.

Royal K. Gay
Sealer

Veterans' Agent Report

To the Board of Selectmen
Belchertown

During the year of 1971, the Veterans' Department of this Town has experienced a great increase in the number of new applications for benefits. This has lead to a tremendous workload increase for the department in the investigating and processing that is necessary to determine eligibility.

The fact that there is no residency requirement before a veteran can apply for aid necessitates a much more thorough checking on the part of the Veterans' Agent before benefits can either be denied or granted.

We now have a caseload of over twenty families that are considered eligible to receive aid. Many receive only partial aid from us and others receive full support.

The processing of bills for this department reached such proportions that in July it became necessary for me to request clerical help. The Board of Selectmen granted this request and a part time clerk has been hired to do the routine paper work leaving me free to do a much more thorough job in other areas where my time had, of necessity, been limited.

I have been able to help our Veterans secure papers from the files of the Veterans' Administration, and in one instance secured copies of lost discharge papers and other forms necessary in determining eligibility for benefits.

I have cut my budget request for the year of 1972 over $7500 because we will not start the year with anyone in nursing homes. The past few years this has taken a substantial portion of the budget to cover this absolutely necessary level of care. In cutting my budget, I am hoping that the coming year will find the employment situation better for the community.

Once again I must say that I am hoping that the Town will find it possible to provide me with an office where I can interview applicants in privacy. The present situation is far from desirable. These people that come to me for help should have the courtesy of being able to talk with no interruptions from people coming into the office. With the multiple uses to which the Selectmen's office has to be put, this is not always possible now.

I would like to express my appreciation to the many people that have helped me this past year, particularly the area physicians, the Board of Selectmen, and the administrators of the Susan M.D. Bridgman Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Earl F. Henrichon, Veterans' Agent

Agent-Sanitarian Report

To: The Honorable Board of Health, Belchertown, Massachusetts

As Agent—Sanitarian for the Board of Health, I respectfully submit my annual report for 1971.

During 1971, regular inspections were made on food service establishments in accordance with Article X of the Sanitary Code of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

One bakery, three retail food service establishments, one egg-canning establishment, and one trailer park were issued licenses.

Four church kitchens were inspected also.

Thirty five temporary food service establishments were issued licenses and inspected during the Belchertown Fair.

During the summer months, regular inspections were made at the town beach and bath house. Monthly samples of water were taken from the bath house and from the lake. All samples compiled with standards required for drinking and swimming purposes.

At intervals, water samples were taken from several trailers in the trailer park.

One recreational camp for children was granted a license and inspected during operation.

Four public health nuisance complaints were investigated and appropriate action was taken to have the nuisances corrected.

Consultation was provided to the Board of Health on matters which pertained to public health problems.

I wish to thank the people of Belchertown for the fine cooperation extended to me.

Respectfully submitted,
John A. Brickett, R.S.
Agent—Sanitarian

Board of Health Report

The Board of Health held regular meetings the first Monday of each month.

Mr. James Bonafini and Mr. Miles Hubler inspected all renovated and new septic tank installations. There were 79 such inspections—41 new and 38 old.

Mr. Edward Czupkiewicz, Plumbing Inspector, checked 56 places as well as making several trips to the housing project for the elderly on Everett Avenue.

Dr. Aaron Kasparian, M.D. was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Lawrence Boswer, M.D., as the special agent to the Board of Health at the Belchertown State School.

The Board of Health, with the cooperation of the School Department, sponsored several clinics, among them being:

1. Influenza shots to school personnel (51 injections) and to town officials (19 injections)
2. Diptheria, whooping cough and tetanus (16 injections)
3. Polio trivalent (105 doses)
4. Smallpox vaccinations for seniors and preschoolers and any adults who desired one.

Dr. Kenneth Collard, M.D., Mrs. Antranig Juskalian, R.N., Mrs. Virginia Ayers, R.N., Mrs. Rachel Collard, R.N. and Mrs. Charlotte Ketchen, R.N. assisted in the administration of these clinics and Mrs. Mary Plant and Mrs. Gloria Conkey kept records.

The following communicable diseases were reported by our recording secretary, Mrs. Doris Squires:

1. Mumps (23 cases)
2. Chicken Pox (11 cases)
3. Strep Throat (5 cases)
4. German Measles (1 case)
5. Dysentery (29 cases)
6. Hepatitis (2 cases)
7. Tuberculosis (2 cases)
8. Animal Bites (36 cases)

These totals include the State School.

Mr. Lewis Austin, Animal Inspector, reports 6 shipments of cattle identified and released. Of the 36 reported dog bites, all dogs involved were kept in isolation the required number of days. No rabies developed.

The Board has kept in touch with both large and small developments proposed and already started in Town, always keeping in mind the best interests of the Town.

James Bonafini, Chairman
Charlotte P. Ketchen, Secretary
Miles Hubler

Sewer Commission Report

This year we initiated a new system of sealing our old sewer mains from infiltration, which has been a great problem in the past.

Called The Penetryn System, it comprises a visual T.V. inspection and cleaning method that we feel is most effective. To date we have completed 1607 ft. of 8-inch main and 3 man holes along this line. This should help to ease the burden of ground water to the Belchertown State School disposal area.

Ten new connections were installed this year, which includes the new housing for the elderly complex. This brings our total to 301 services, plus schools and municiapl buildings.

All rights of way were mowed and brush was cleared where possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry L. Brougham
Preston Atwood
Peter Whittaker

Dog Officer Report

I hereby submit my annual report as Dog Officer for the Town of Belchertown, for the year 1971.

Stray dogs	87
Found owners	45
Dogs killed by cars	17
Dog complaints investigated	24

After receiving the annual dog warrant, there were 229 unlicensed dogs. After sending cards and making telephone calls this number was reduced to 13 names.

Again I suggest that the penalty for not licensing a dog be more severe.

I hope to have two rabies clinics in March again this year.

Wallace Chevalier
Dog Officer

Belchertown Planning Board Report

Members

Stanford J. Harrington, Chairman
John Sullivan, Vice-Chairman and Representative to the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission
Donald Cole, Clerk
Roy Cunningham, Member
Everett Plant, Member

Staff

Mr. Joseph Bradley, Community Planners & Assocs. Planning Consultants

To: The Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Belchertown

The Planning Board organized in March of 1971 and welcomed Mr. John Sullivan, who replaced the vacancy of Mr. George Foster for a two year term, and Roy Cunningham, who was elected to fill the five-year term that had been filled by Mr. Sidney Wheeler before his death. The Board elected Stanford J. Harrington, Chairman; John Sullivan, Vice-Chairman and Representative to the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission; and Donald Cole, Clerk. During the year, the Board met in regular session sixteen (16) times. Also, four (4) special meetings were held with various other Boards. Ten (10) public hearings were held during the year; eight (8) concerning zone changes and two (2) concerning new subdivisions.

Zoning Administration

The Planning Board has met with Mr. Joseph Bradley of "Community Planners" eight times during 1971, in addition to the special meetings held with the Selectmen and Board of Appeals in May. A "Pre-Reconnaissance Survey" was held with Mr. Francis Florini of the Department of Community Affairs in September with several other town boards present. Mr. Bradley has assisted the Planning Board in recommendations for rewriting our zoning law. The Planning Board expects to hold hearings in March, 1972, on several new proposals for our zoning by-law.

Subdivision Control

The Planning Board has had two requests for new streets under the Subdivision Control Act in 1971. We understand that we can expect many more of these requests in 1972. The Planning Board will actively work to bring our subdivision control laws up to the standards the citizens wish in 1972.

"Approvals Not Required"

Almost weekly, some member of the Planning Board is asked to sign a surveyor's plan with the caption "Approval Not Required under the Subdivision Control Act." There is a great deal of land changing hands in Belchertown, and we can no longer be considered a "dormant community."

Regional Planning Commission

The Town continued its participation in the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission. Under the Provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 40B, a member of the Local Planning Board must serve as the Town's Commissioner to the Regional Agency. Mr. John Sullivan served in this capacity throughout the year, and Mr. Patrick Kamins was appointed by the Selectmen to be his alternate.

Future Planning

The Planning Board's function is to plan for the orderly growth of the town. Citizen participation is necessary for any Board to function properly; in the last few months, the Planning Board has seen our citizens becoming much more aware of our planning and subdivision control laws, and appear to be eager to work with the Planning Board towards adequate planning. Many developers are coming into Town because some of our laws adopted in the 1950's have not been updated. Our surrounding communities, especially Amherst, are increasing in population, and this growth is spreading over into Belchertown. As the town contemplates this growth, our citizens have to think of the greater demands placed on our roads, school system, police and fire departments, and, also, our water and sewage facilities.

The Planning Board is about one-third of the way through studying and preparing a master plan. The Board intends to come in with some new zoning law proposals to afford some protection against too rapid a growth in our town. Our studies so far in the master plan have included: 1. A land and soil survey study to gain an understanding of the terrain and composition of the land for its best and most suitable use. 2. Building density to specify a number of square feet of land required for a house. 3. Number of apartments per acre and in an apartment development. 4. The complete study of the zoning map to show where different type of land uses—residential, apartments, business or industrial—should be located to best serve the interests of the town and all of its residents. 5. A sewer and water study of the present and projected developments in this area. The full realization of this plan will take a few years and many more hours of study. Unfortunately, this requires money which explains why this year the Planning Board has made a record budget request.

The Planning Board feels that a serious situation is developing between the Town of Belchertown and its northerly neighbor, the Town of Amherst. By town meeting vote, we allowed the Town of Amherst to drill wells in our town and to lay a pipe-line to the Town of Amherst to enlarge its potable water supply. Any resident in the vicinity of the pipe-line or the wells were allowed under this town meeting article to be able to hook-on to Amherst water. However, the Town of Amherst is now drilling additional wells on other land adjacent to their original well location, and have appeared at hearings in Belchertown saying that no one should be able to build in that area because it might affect their water supply. How much right another community should have over the land use, both private and public in another town, must be decided. Our town has lost much land and control over land to the City of Springfield in the 1890's and more recently to the Metropolitan District Commission and Belchertown State School, the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Fishery and Game, and to the University of Massachusetts. Before we allow any more loss of land use, all administrative bodies in the town should examine what affect this will have on their departments, on our tax base, and on our orderly planning. This is one of the most serious situations affecting our town in the opinion of the Planning Board. The erosion of tax base and loss of use control has already exceeded reasonable limits. We feel that all possible attention should be directed toward reversing this process rather than extending it further, as with "the Amherst Water Problem."

Respectfully submitted,
Stanford J. Harrington, Chairman

Belchertown School Committee Report

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

During the past year, the school committee continued its efforts to maintain the quality of our educational system, while obtaining maximum use of the funds supplied by the taxpayer. Inflationary pressures have made this task increasingly difficult. Hopefully, the federal government's recent attempts to stabilize our economy will be at least partially successful and reduce some of this pressure. A moderate amount of relief is now being received from the gradually increasing sales tax school aid (Chapter 70). However, qualification for this money is contingent upon local acceptance and performance of state-mandated programs which usually impose increased financial burdens.

The school committee remains deeply committed to its long-standing policy of a strong maintenance program. This year, preventive roof maintenance was performed at Cold Spring and the High School. At Center School, two classrooms and the outside trim was painted. Floodlights were installed at Cold Spring, Center, and the High School. The general renovative program at Franklin School consisted of extensive interior improvements—paneling was installed in the three classrooms and the hall; the ceilings, interior woodwork, and outside trim was painted; sub-flooring and combination aluminum storm windows were installed. Our own maintenance men supplied most of the labor, thereby reducing the cost considerably. The building's interior appearance has been dramatically improved even though the renovation is noticeably incomplete. We are already obtaining a "return on investment" for this project—all three classrooms are now being utilized.

Our school system suffered the loss of key personnel with many years of valuable and faithful service. Mrs. Tirzah Juskalian, our school nurse, and Mrs. Rose Dewey, administrative assistant to the superintendent, retired. We wish them both a long and enjoyable retirement. The school committee lost a multi-term member—Lloyd Chadbourne who resigned in September because of personal business problems.

ffWe are deeply appreciative of the cooperation and assistance received from the many people who are responsible for the well-being of our school system.

Our students, who continually apply themselves to the task of obtaining a sound education;

The educational staff, dedicated to motivating our students and guiding them in the pursuit of knowledge;

The superintendent and his administrative staff, who supply the management skills necessary for the smooth operation of our system;

Our service staff—secretaries, custodians, cafeteria workers, and teacher aides—for their faithful and competent performance of their duties;

Town officials, taxpayers, parents, and other interested townspeople—all of whom are not directly members of the school system, but whose support is essential to our success.

Respectfully submitted,
William M. Russell, Chairman
Belchertown School Committee

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the members of the School Committee and the Citizens of Belchertown:

During the year 1971 many changes were made in the Belchertown Schools to improve the quality of education provided to each child. Belchertown students have been busy with books, pencils, pens, chalk, chalkboards, maps, and all the tools boys and girls have used down through the ages. In the latter part of the 1960's, however, new materials, new machines, and new methods have been made available, appealing to more pupils.

Girls and boys are learning from films, filmstrips, as before, but more of these are now on hand and in more areas. Overhead projectors, cassettes, listening stations, tapes, teacher-made as well as commercial transparencies open up different ways of understanding, learning, and retaining knowledge.

At the elementary level new activities include:

1. **The reading program** has been improved by the addition of many new materials which permit better grouping in all classes to meet the individual needs of the children. Ability grouping is still being carried on successfully in the first, second and third grades at Cold Spring School and at the fourth grade level at Center School. New basal readers, individualized reading programs, the upgrading of school libraries, programmed reading, supplementary books and many new materials and teaching aids have been provided at all levels. The Supervisor of Reading and the remedial reading teacher have participated in several reading conferences held during the school year. This ongoing type of education will certainly be of benefit to all children in the system.

An urgent need exists for a full-time Supervisor of Reading free from the responsibilities of teaching to coordinate the total reading program.

The need also exists for another remedial reading teacher to continue to meet the needs of all the children who require individual help.

2. Another vital area closely related to reading is that of **language disability**. This impairment strikes many children and has many names such as dyslexia, word blindness, perceptual motor disability, P.M.D., etc. Essentially they all cover a disability in the language area caused by a lag in the development in the perceptual motor area. Thanks largely to Mrs. Mary Avery, Mrs. Mildred White, Miss Sue Deming and Mr. Gary Millett these children have been carefully diagnosed and evaluated, have had special motor training as well as a highly structured approach to reading, writing and spelling.

In English the Robert's Linguistics Series was introduced into the sixth grade in 1971 and is now being used in grades 3-6. The program will be introduced into second grade in the Fall of 1972. A major recommendation in this area is the continuation of the Robert's Linguistics program in grades seven and eight.

3. **The modern math program** has continued at all grade levels and has been very successful in the primary grades. A Committee for the Improvement of Mathematics Instruction was formed in 1971 to upgrade, coordinate and evaluate the entire elementary mathematics program. This is an ongoing committee which will make recommendations to be implemented during 1972.

4. **Having our own art, music and physical education** specialists at the elementary level has really paid dividends especially in terms of quality instruction. The year 1971 saw an excellent Christmas Music program highlighted by the third grade rhythm band, elementary band and elementary chorus. An outstanding art exhibit was held on the town common during the Spring in which art work by the elementary children was displayed. In physical education all children participated in the President's Council on Physical Fitness program. An assembly was held and those that scored high on the fitness test were awarded trophies and emblems.

5. **A new science program**, the Science Curriculum Improvement Study (SCIS) began its second successful year in grades K-6. SCIS is one of a number of innovative elementary science programs that have been developed with the support and cooperation of the National Science Foundation. SCIS is concerned with providing experiences for young children that will aid in making them scientifically literate.

6. A new innovative **social studies program** was introduced in the second and third grades during 1971 called the University of Minnesota Social Studies Project. The Family of Man as it is called in an inquiry oriented, interdisciplinary, multi media social studies program for the elementary grades. The program helps children to learn, from the earliest grades, how to become both nation-minded and world-minded through the development of attitutdes, skills and important social science concepts.

7. **The intramural sports program** was very successful during 1971. This program provides instruction and competition for all boys and girls in grades five and six who wish to participate. Included among the sports are basketball, baseball, softball, soccer and football.

8. Belchertown teachers have demonstrated their interest in the future of their profession by continuing to train teachers from the University of Massachusetts and Springfield College. Student teachers did their training at Cold Spring, Franklin, Center and Memorial Schools during the Spring and the Fall.

9. **The Future Teachers of America Tutorial** Program has begun its third successful year. Under this program high school youngsters tutor elementary pupils in reading and math on a weekly basis. Reports have shown this to be a very worthwhile program.

10. **The Pupil Personnel Services Committee** began its third successful year. This committee was set up by the principal to help children having serious problems in learning. The committee is composed of the principal, Mr. Barrett, the Supervisor of Reading and Perceptually Handicapped, Mrs. Avery, the guidance counselor, Mr. Millett, and the school nurse, Mrs. Ayers. This committee meets weekly to discuss and make recommendations for pupils having problems in school such as those with: learning disabilities, physical handicaps, emotional instability, or limited intelligence.

11. During the week of October 25-29 **American Education Week** was observed with open house at all elementary schools. During the month of November individual parent-teacher conferences were held. The conferences were a great success with 88% of the parents in attendance. One recommendation here is to have an additional parent teacher conference in May of every year.

12. A highlight of this year's testing program was Belchertown's participation in the Statewide Testing Program in which Belchertown children fared will above their expected anticipated score especially in reading comprehension. Our own testing program was continued at all levels. The second grade received the Stanford Achievement Test. The Iowa Test of Basic Skills was administered during the year to all children in grades three through six. Results of the Iowa Tests were the highest in the last six years. In addition, special diagnostic tests such as the Stanford-Binet and the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for children were given on a referral basis.

13. A Federally financed **Title I Summer Program** called **Project Prepare** was held during the summer of 1971 with over fifty kindergarten children attending. These pupils participated in an intensive seven week program designed to further their development for first grade. The children were taken from their present individual ability level and advanced into first grade skill areas as they showed their readiness for it. Special provision was given to those pupils who required further perceptual training prior to the start of reading skills.

14. The school children of Belchertown presented several enjoyable and educational assembly programs during 1971. Grade six observed Memorial Day with a program held at Memorial School. Center School observed Thanksgiving with a re-creation of the original Thanksgiving Dinner. A Back To School Night for Parents was held in April at Cold Spring School where parents observed the new science program, SCIS, in action. The elementary band participated in the Spring Music Concert at the high school in April, ZMTA Zoomobile visited all the schools in May and was sponsored by the P.T.O.

15. A special program for fifth grade parents was held in June. "Man—A Course of Study" the fifth grade pupils' work. The year 1971 was brought to a close with an excellent Christmas program at the Cold Spring School.

16. Educational field trips were continued during 1971 for all grades. Some of the trips taken were to the Childrens' Museum in Hartford, Connecticut by the kindergarten children, to the University of Massachusetts farm by grade one, to the Amherst College Pratt Museum and Plantetarium by grade two, and to the Springfield Science Museum by grade three. The fourth grade visited the Museum of Natural History in Springfield and Storrowton Village in West Springfield. The fifth grade visited the Federal Street Steam Engine Museum and Quabbin Reservoir both in Belchertown. The sixth grade visited the Steel Museum in Worcester and the Youth Concert in Springfield. The children of Franklin School visited Laughing Brook Nature Center in Hampden.

17. The Parent-Teachers Organization had a busy and profitable year presenting several excellent programs. In May, Bob Sawyer, a radio commentator, spoke on Public Opinion, in June, an Adult Drug Meeting was held at the high school, Meet the Teachers and a P.T.O. meeting was held in September.

18. Under the direction of Mrs. Mary Avery, parents are giving their time voluntarily to work in the Cold Spring library. Parent volunteers are also contributing their time in working in the kindergarten program.

The schools earnestly hope that an increasing number of parents will participate in school activities during the coming year. When the parents show an interest in the school activities it usually reflects in the children's desire to learn. This results in a happier and more meaningful school experience for parents, children and teachers.

Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School

The year of 1971 was again a productive year for the Junior-Senior High School. The following reports were received from the various departments:

1. **Guidance Department**

Counseling activities for students, parents, and teachers were available and well in demand at all levels.

During the summer vacation period Mr. Gary Millett developed and conducted a Title I project. Teachers assisted with these programs as well as two talented young people. Gretchen Krause and William Theroux, working under the Neighborhood Youth Corps Program, helped these programs. The Neighborhood Youth Corps was in operation throughout the year with five students participating from January through June, seven from June through August, and we presently have four students employed in the program. The number of participants is governed by the main office in Northampton and each year it seems to get smaller while the need grows larger.

The work study program is again in operation on a limited basis. In the Fall of 1971 we have had 8 students successfully gain part-time employment making it possible for them to utilize some spare time of their school day and after school time as well to participate in the work-study program. More students could participate in this worthwhile program if more part-time jobs were available in Belchertown.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AT GRADUATION:

Walter L. Papp Memorial Scholarship	Richard Couture
Belchertown Registered Nurses Assn. Scholarship	Jane Robinson
Student Council Scholarship	William McCrea
Belchertown Teachers Assn. Scholarships	Mary Pietryka Franklin Alden
Edward Arthur Henrichon, Jr. Memorial Scholarships	Jane Robinson Fredrica Very
Holland Family Ward	Franlking Alden
American Legion Auxiliary Scholarships	Eileen Austin William McCrea
Parent Teachers Organization Scholarship	Eileen Austin
The Steeple Memoiral Scholarship	Lynn Fantom
The Lt. Michael P. Austin Memorial Awards	Catherine Michalski, Debra Morey

The Class of 1972 hosted the Annual Senior-Alumni Reception for past graduates and particularly for the Class of 1971. The reception was held on December 23, 1971 in the Household Arts room at the Jr.-Sr. High School. This reception particularly affords the college students returning at Christmas time to talk of their college experiences with Seniors and Faculty members.

Several college representatives visited the Jr.-Sr. High School to speak with interested Seniors but fewer business and industrial representatives came. This can be attributed to the job market and the travel distance to Belchertown.

CLASS OF 1971

Adams, Raymond Stewart
**Alden, Franklin Edward
**Amprimo, Geraldine Anne
Armstrong, Corbin Ross
Austin, Eileen Claire
**Beauregard, Rachel Rita
Bock, Garry Michael
Boulrice, David Leon
Brassard, William Howard
Brin, James, Michael, Jr.
Carruth, Michael Wayne
**Couture, Richard Paul
Desforges, Edgar Alan
Digris, William Charles
Dowd, Charles Edward
**Ducharme, Diane Lynn
*Duguay, Donald Earl
Dyer, Joseph Phillip
**Fantom, Lynn Frances
Faulkins, Glen Fredrick
Fay, Denise Marie
Fay, Zoe Whitney
Fish, Arthur Roy, Jr.
Gentile, Susan Rose
Giordano, Gina Marie
Groux, Christine Ann
Hayward, James Ned
**Hayward, Michael Walter
Henrichon, Wayne Earl
Holt, Clifford John
Hutchinson, Janet Ann
Jackson, Grace Davies
**Joyal, Jeanne Marie
Knapp, Gloria Ann
**Lachance, Lissette Corrine
Lambert, Linda Elaine
Lapointe, Roland Rene
LaValle, Sharon Marie
**Lussier, Denise Jean
Lysik, Lorraine Ann
Maiers, Darlene Frances
*Maziarz, Jean Ellen
McCaughey, Janice Beth
**McCrea, William Joseph
Michalski, Catherine Marie
**Morey, Debra Jane
**Neggers, Bonnie Mary
Nepus, Philip John
Norman, Gregory Noel
Norris, Donald Richard
Opalenik, Mary Louise
Piekara, Theodore Allan
**Pietryka, Mary Jane
**Robinson, Linda Jane
Rogers, Elizabeth Ann
**Samson, Sandra Lee
Shaw, Robert Edward
Slate, Debra Lynn
Spooner, Gary Francis
*St. Pierre, Deborah Ann
Szydlowski, Michael Stanley
**Thayer, Shirley Marie
Tongren, Betty Jane
Tudell, Jo-Ann Rose
Tucker, James Van Norden
**Very, Fredrica Edith
Welch, William Gail

*Pro Merito
**National Honor Society

2. **Science Department**

The emphasis in the Science Department in 1970-1971 was geared toward involving more students in laboratory oriented classes in which the teacher does less talking and each student is given an opportunity to learn through discovery and problem solving. This presents a greater challenge for the teacher and a more meaningful learning situation for students.

Project **Caveat**, an outdoor ecology project for all seventh and eight grade students, was approved by the School Committee, and funded by the National Defense Education Act, Title III.

The first phase of project Caveat was conducted in October, 1971. All eighth grade students and their teachers, in addition to other members of the staff, spent every day for two weeks at Quabbin Reservoir. Included were historical and sociological studies of the towns that were inundated; a survey of the Metropolitan District Commission: administration and police department; and varied ecological studies.

Phase II, involving seventh grade students, will be implemented in the Spring, 1972.

Science students attended the Science Humanities and Engineering Symposium at the University of Massachusetts and an Oceanographic Institute at Boston University.

Woodland Ecology and Soil and Water continued to be popular electives. Additional electives including Practical Chemistry and Household Science, were added for the 1970-71 school year. Honors Biology was added to the Science curriculum in an attempt to individualize science instruction.

The Science Department Curriculum is continuously re-evaluated and revised in order to offer students the opportunity to participate in new and exciting programs.

3. **Music Department**

The music program is more productive now than it has ever been in the Jr.-Sr. High School.

Four of our talented youngsters in the High School achieved recognition by winning places in the Western Massachusetts District Band and Orchestra. Two of them were selected for All-State Band, a distinction which rarely occurs on the first try.

The Jr.-Sr. High School Band marched during Fair Day, played the Selectmen's Conference at the University of Mass., produced a Christmas Concert and has played at numerous high school assemblies. This Spring the music department will journey to Berlin, Conn. for an exchange concert, produce an April "Spring Concert" and play for the Modern Dance Program in May as well as other functions. New uniforms were acquired from funds raised by the Belchertown Music Crusanders.

Various guest conductors, performing groups and soloists have been engaged by the music department for the education of the music students and the general cultural enrichment of the student body through assembly programs. For those students who express a special interest in music and for those who wish to follow music as a vocation, Music I and Music II courses are conducted at the High School. These courses deal with harmony, theory, composition and music appreciation.

In summary, the music department is reaching a maximum percentage of the student body with programs and curriculum to meet the musical needs of every student involved.

4. **Home Economics Department**

The Home Economics courses for grades 7-12 has undergone several curriculum changes. In the junior high level the emphasis is placed on basic nutrition, food preparation and meal service and basic clothing construction techniques. In the high school level, more involved clothing construction is taught, together with home appliances, furniture refinishing, food preparation with emphasis on nutrition and budgets.

The Future Homemakers Club held many activities this year. Some of them were: a children's party at the State School, a fashion show, attendance at their annual convention on Cape Cod, and a Christmas Bazaar.

5. **Business Department**

The Business Department has introduced in some areas of study a teaching method known as "Block Teaching." Students are assigned definite responsibilities and must meet certain minimum objectives. Learning packets have been developed to guide the student through a particular area of study. The learning activities included in these packets start the student on very simple routine work and then move toward more complex jobs which require the student to be more creative, use his own judgment, and make wise decisions for himself. One of the advantages of block-of-time scheduling is the opportunity to deal more specifically with the area of human relations.

The students enrolled in courses in which block-of-time teaching is used have a wide variety of interests, and this method of teaching provides for individual differences. The Department is better able to serve the two basic groups of students in the classes—those students who will be entering the labor market immediately after graduating from high school and those academic students who plan to pursue a career in business and further their education at an institution of higher learning.

On several occasions businessmen of the community have visited the classes to share with the students their knowledge of a particular area of study.

Teaching has also been supplemented by field trips to various business concerns, courts, and business colleges.

6. Remedial Reading

The practice of having one group of students working with the teacher,while others work on self-directing, self-correcting material in areas of needed practice, has continued.

Tutorial aid from students wishing to be of service has been valuable for those who profit greatly from the one-to-one ratio.

This year has shown a marked increase in the number of high school students in the program. In some cases these are referred by teachers but in many instances the student realizes the need for improved reading. In cooperation with staff members increased help is given in content areas.

A course for credit is being given for the first time. It is listed as Independent Study. Without credit the students involved would not have been able to spend this much time for much needed help.

7. Art Department

Student interest in the art courses continues to grow. It was necessary this year to offer two sections of Art I to meet the needs of the high school students.

In keeping with the current trends in the field, curriculum changes were made in materials and other new media such as switching from oils to acrylics as a painting medium. The Industrial Arts and Art Departments are discussing plans for a variety of projects of mutual interest. Perhaps the one with the greatest promise for the future is working with plastics both polyester resins and thermoplastic sheets.

8. Industrial Arts Department

This past year the 7th and 8th grade shop courses were rescheduled into the junior high school program of studies. Due to the limitations placed upon the teacher, Mechanical Drawing I & II was discontinued as regular courses and placed as special units to be studied during the year within the course content in Industrial Arts in all grades.

It is planned that two new areas of the field of industry will be introduced this coming year. One being in the plastics field and the other will be the study of the silk screening process.

9. Athletic Department

Approximately forty per cent of the student body took advantage of the intramural and interscholastic athletic program offered at Belchertown Junior Senior High School this past year.

Full Varsity and Junior Varsity schedules were played in soccer, basketball, and baseball for boys in the Bi-County League. Basketball and volleyball proved to be the most popular intramural activities.

The girls athletic program was expanded to its fullest schedule ever with varsity teams in field hockey, basketball and softball. By 1972, the girls will be represented in the Bi-County League in both basketball and softball, with an independent schedule in field hockey.

The Athletic Department wishes to extend its grateful appreciation to the Parks, Beach and Recreation Committee for its cooperation in the use of Parsons Field for girls field hockey and softball and boys varsity and junior varsity baseball.

10. Physical Education

The Physical Education Department for grades 7-12 continued to develop physical fitness and emotional and social stability through skills and knowledge and understanding in various activities. With the emphasis placed on developing beginning skills on the junior high level and more advanced skills on the high school level, a program was prepared to meet individual and group needs of the students. These needs were met through such individual and team activities as:

Girls	**Boys**
Field Hockey	Flag Football
Soccer	Indoor Hockey
Volleyball	Soccer Volleyball
Badmiton	Wrestling
Basketball	Basketball
Tumbling & Gymnastics	Tumbling & Gymnastics
Physical Fitness Testing	Track & Field
Modern Dance	Softball
Softball	

11. Social Studies Department

The Social Studies Department has embarked upon a new approach to the teaching of American History. Team teaching, a pilot program in which all ninth graders combined into one class are taught by the department. The theory of team teaching rests upon the assumption that the student will benefit by being evaluated by members of the curriculum committee. Future interdepartmental course offerings are being studied and will be introduced into the curriculum next year. The department has increased its semester course offerings to include comparative governments and urban problems.

In the Junior High School the humanistic approach to the teaching of history is being studied.

The Social Studies Department sponsored Toys for Joy, a student community effort; also student government day assemblies and elections for Student Government Day. Future programs such as United Nations Workshops, Student Government Seminars, Student Exchanges are being planned. A Humanities and History Club were also formed and plans are being made for students to involve themselves much more actively in the town.

12. English Department

The courses of study in English for the Junior and Senior years were reorganized on an elective semester basis. Thus the students were given a greater relevant choice and also an opportunity to take more than one English course per year. Courses offered will be evaluated by the curriculum committee before any further changes are made.

Journalism, this year one of the regularly scheduled five-credit courses in the English department, offers juniors and seniors an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the importance of the press in its relationship to history, government and public opinion and to study and practice some of the basic forms of journalistic writing. Members of the class are encouraged to write for the school publications and, whenever possible, for the **Sentinel.**

In the library the expansion of the curriculum has been reflected in both the acquisition of new books and magazines and in the use of the room for research and study during and after school hours. Particularly noticeable has been the increase in the number of teachers who take classes to the library for group research. The cooperation of the faculty in suggesting books relevant to their subject areas has been especially useful in adding to the collection.

School publications have increased to three this year. In addition to the yearbook and the newspaper the **Echo**, and opinion paper, **Speak Out**, has been inaugurated to give students an opportunity to express themselves on issues of the day, both in the school and in the larger context of national and international affairs.

The Future Teacher's of America Club has been active this year as in the past. Their primary function is to serve as teacher's aids in the elementary schools.

13. Language Department

The Language Department offerings remain the same: French, Spanish and Latin.

Spanish IV is being taught this year. This course is designed to further the fundamental skills in Language use, to place emphasis on the reading comprehension skill, to provide opportunity for self-expression in speaking and writing, and to provide review materials which meet student needs. A new and more relevant and direct method of learning French has been introduced in the 7th and 8th grades: also in French I & II course changes were instituted.

More audio-visual aids are being used to supplement the texts and to aid in oral recitation. The French classes made a trip to Stage West to see a Frech play written by one of the French masters of literature.

Plans for a trip to France during this next academic year have begun to be formulated by the department.

14. Mathematics Department

In the area of non-academic mathematics, the course Elementary Algebra II was offered for the first time. This follows the introduction of Elementary Algebra I last year. The two courses are part of a four year series, two in algebra and two in geometry, which will eventually be offered to non-academic students. They provide general goals which were lacking previously.

A brief course in computer programming supplements (but does not replace) Introductory Calculus I.

Students in Principles of Advanced Mathematics are being introduced to selected topics in mathematical analysis in addition to their regularly assigned work in calculus.

15. Audio-Visual Department

The Audio-Visual Department of the Junior-Senior High School has purchased some much needed equipment this past year. Included in those purchases was an overhead projector, 2 filmstrip projectors and one carousel slide projector.

We have also purchased a membership with one of the largest film libraries in the country, the Boston University Film Library. This entitles us to a twenty-five per cent discount on all film rentals.

16. Health

Beginning September 1971, a pilot program in health education was prepared for the junior high level. The course was taught, for half the year, during the physical education periods. The remainder of the year will be devoted to the evaluation of the course content with recommendations for improvement. The course included the following topics:

1. Personality
2. Anatomy and physiology
3. Tobacco, alcohol, and drugs
4. Mental retardation
5. Mental illness

17. National Honor Society

The National Honor Society held its fourth annual induction of members on Thursday, March 25, 1971 at 8 p.m. at which time eight permanent members were inducted. The main speaker was Mr. Robert J. Donovan, Director of Educational Research and Statistics at the Belchertown State School.

Members are:

Bonnie Neggers, President
Geraldine Amprimo, Vice-President
Sandra Samson, Secretary-Treasurer
Shirley Thayer
William McCrea
Franklin Alden
Michael Hayward
Fredrica Very
Jeanne Joyal
James Walker

Diane Ducharme
Mary Pietryka
Jane Robinson
Rachel Beauregard
Lisette Lachance
Lynn Fantom
Debra Morey
Denise Lussier
Cynthia White
Nettie Pepe

Janice Blakeslee
Michael Couture
Edward Curry

Sophomore Probationary Members are:

Patrica Austin
Patrice Barrett
Debra Dalton
Sandra Dorey
Sandra Lyons
Leslie Matthews
Carla Neggers
John Piekara
Jon Pinkos
Debra Terry
Theresa Wadsworth

18. American Education Week

During American Education Weeek the Jr.-Sr. High School conducted a most successful Open House on the evening of Thursday, October 28th. The theme of this years' open house was "Know Your Schools Better." It afforded parents to learn more about their schools and to gain a further insight into current and future trends of learning within the schools curriculum.

19. Student Council

The Belchertown Junior Senior High School Student Council for this academic year adopted a theme to guide its purpose. The basic title of this theme is the "B.H.S. Student Council's involvement in the World Community."

The first major involvement dealt with the 18 year-old; his voting rights and responsibilities. It came to the attention of the council that many of our rising Juniors as well as a number of our present Seniors were not aware of their responsibilities in so far as Town, State, and National elections were concerned. To this end, the Council joined forces with the Belchertown Community Action Committee. This committee consists of interested adults from the town of Belchertown who are concerned with communication channels between the various offices of the Town. It was agreed that a joint effort between the Council and this committee would be successful in acquainting area youngsters with the importance of voter registration. The council proceeded to invite all area high schools to send representatives to attend this meeting and meet the speakers that the council had invited. Mr. Roger Lemin, Chairman of the Springfield Republican Committee, was contacted and Mr. Lemin agreed to provide members of the Young Republican Club to represent the party as speakers. Miss Roberta Burndrette, a student at Wheaton College, headed the Young Republican group. The Council then contacted Mr. Harold Willey, Chairman of the Belchertown area Democratic Committee. Mr. Willey provided Mr. Russell Newsome and Mr. Patrick Callahan of Amherst. After presentations were made, a lively question and answer period followed.

Continuing with the theme of World Involvement, the second major project was a peace assembly presented on Veteran's Day. Invited speakers included: Mr. Alan Blank, a recently returned Vietnam Veteran, Mr. Gerry Whitlock, Chairman of the Board of Selectman, Mr. Barney Tolpa, Commander of the V.F.W. and Mr. Robert Wilson, Boy Scout Troop Leader of Amherst, Belchertown, and Pelham. It is the council's feeling that people outside of the school community involved in world affairs had an important impact on the student body. The council is in the planning stages for another assembly that will include such service agencies as VISTA, PEACE CORPS, and UNESCO.

Again this year the council is heading the annual Danny Thomas St. Jude drive for cancer research. The council is responsible for mapping out the Belchertown area and assigning student volunteer collectors to canvass the area. Last year this drive raised two hundred seventy-five dollars.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Jack Moran, the facilities of the Mill Valley Country Club in Belchertown have been donated to the council to be used for a dance in order to raise additonal funds for our first annual Thanksgiving gift basket project. A drive has been conducted in the school to collect canned goods and other foods from students to be included along with turkeys and other perishable items that are included in the baskets. Fifteen baskets with a value of $18.00 each have been delivered to the Welfare Department for distribution in the area.

20. Belchertown High School Camera Club

The Belchertown High School Camera Club came into existence in 1971 when a few students became sincerely interested in learning the fundamentals of photography. The seeds of interest were sown when Les Campbell was invited by the Science Department to hold a two day workshop in taking pictures and basic dark room procedures. Mrs. Curry agreed to serve as an advisor and Les Campbell offered to instruct and counsel the interested students.

The B.H.S.C.C. presented in March a wide screen multi image color slide spectacular, "Photographers' World" by Les Campbell. All proceeds went toward buying much needed camera and equipment. The club is in the process of converting a small area in the high school into a dark room.

The students worked all summer with Mr. Campbell learning some of the finer techniques and the results are astounding. The Club has taken all in-school pictures for the forth coming year book; and they have been in evidence at every school event since last March. Most of the pcitures that are in the **Sentinel** these days are taken by members of the Camera Club. They have also maintained, in the lobby, a continuous display of excellent, enlarged prints and it is hard to believe that many of the contributors did not know anything about photography a year ago.

It is expected that once the dark room is completed, the club will expand its membership greatly and plans are being made to offer workshops for interested students and eventually for adults.

The Club has recently been accepted as an official member of the New England Council, an indication of what lies ahead.

The Belchertown School Department appreciates the support given to the schools by the School Committee members who have devotedly worked many long hours to provide the best possible education to the children of Belchertown. Without their guidance and assistance our task would be impossible. We'd also like to thank the citizens of Belchertown for their support of the schools. We urge their even greater participation in the affairs of the school department. We solicit their suggestions, we profit from their criticism and we are encouraged by their interest. We continue to urge all interested in public education to do their utmost to insure that greater aid be forthcoming from State and Federal sources. The local taxpayer cannot be expected to increase to any greater degree his dollar contribution to public education.

Respectfully submitted,
John B. Curry, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

School Financial Report

Budget 1971	$1,004,196.00	
Less P.L. 874 March 1971	6,717.00	
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		$997,479.00
Plus P.L. 874 December 1971	7,000.00	
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		$1,004,479.00
Expenditures 1971:	$974,624.36	
Unexpended 1971:	22,854.64	
Reimbursements:		
Paid to Town of Belchertown from Sources Other than local taxation:		
A. Chapter 70 (School Aid)	270,920.37	
B. Chapter 71 (Transportation)	60,591.38	
C. Chapter 69 (Special Ed.)	24,715.17	
D. Chapter 76 (State Wards)	4,957.69	
E. Chapter 74 (Voc. Ed.)	15,982.00	
F. Chapter 71 (Evening School)	183.00	
	————	
	$377,349.61	

Recapitulations:	
Total Cost of Schools	$974,624.36
Offset to 1972 Taxes	377,349.61
Actual Cost to Town 1971	597,274.75
Actual Cost to Town 1970	575,590.01
Actual Cost to Town 1969	567,168.19

Proposed Budget 1972

Category	Budget 1971	Budget 1972	Increase	Per Cent Increase
Administration	33,830	35,890	2,060	6.1
Instruction	703,764	755,266	51,502	7.3
Other Services	116,472	142,111	25,639	22.
Maintenance	121,700	157,621	35,921	29.
Fixed Charges	0	0	0	
Fixed Assets Programs	0	14,330	14,330	
Other Schools	35,430	44,013	8,583	24.
Total	1,011,196	1,149,231	138,035	13.7
Less P.L. 874	13,717	4,945		
Balance	997,479	1,144,286		

Classification of School Expenditures, 1971

1000—General Control		
School Committee Expense	$573.68	
Superintendent of Schools:		
Salaries: Superintendent and Clerical	31,045.67	
Expense: Travel, Printing, Office Supplies Advertising and Dues	1,585.05	
	————	
		$33,204.40
2000—Instruction		
Salaries:		
Teachers, Principals, Supervisors, Aides Substitutes, Tutoring, Driver Education Adult Education	625,848.95	
Supervision Expenses:		
Clerical Salaries and Office Expense	14,288.11	
Instructional Supplies and Textbooks	44,277.72	
	————	
		684,414.78
3000—Other School Services		
Salaries and Expenses:		
Law Enforcement	150.00	
Health	9,168.39	
Food Services	10,624.64	
Transportation	81,592.29	
Field Trips	1,546.70	
Special Class Transportation	4,242.40	
Athletics	8,835.41	
Student Activities	300.00	
	————	
		116,459.83
4000—Operation and Maintenance		
Salaries: Custodial	47,173.38	
Expense:		
Supplies and Utilities	33,663.68	
Maintenance and Repairs	27,703.47	
	————	
		108,540.53
9000—Programs With Other Schools		
Vocational Education, Tuition EPA	217.50	
Vocational Tuition, Day	17,956.73	
Vocational Transportation	13,830.59	
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		32,004.82
		————
TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENDITURES		$974,624.36

Report of School Nurse

With the beginning of a new school year a new health course has been instituted in the Junior High classes. This very important and also very needed course is being taught by the physical education department. Hopefully, this formal course will be included in every class curriculum, beginning in Kindergarten.

In September, heights and weights were recorded on all students with notices of over and underweight problems being sent to parents.

Our school physician Dr. Kenneth Collard, performed physicals on all students participating in intra-mural activities, including cheerleaders.

Massachusetts Vision Testing was performed on all students, detecting 84 failures. Notices were sent to parents and teachers for preferential seating adjustments.

With the cooperation of the Board of Health and the School Department a clinic was held in October for all employees desiring a flu innoculation. In December a Rubella (German Measles) clinic was held for all children ages one-twelve.

A great deal of my time is spent in group, family and individual health counseling.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Ayers R.N.
School Nurse

Pathfinder Regional School Committee

After many years of work and frustration "Pathfinder" really began to move forward in 1971. The project was finally funded and building of the school was finally assured when in January the four member towns approved a bond issue of $3,529,000. The votes approving the bond issue were:

New Braintree 64 to 10 on Dec. 28, 1970
Monson 103 to 36 on Jan. 14, 1971
Palmer 209 to 96 on Jan. 16, 1971
Belchertown 130 to 27 on Jan. 18, 1971

On March 27th the Pathfinder committee appeared before the Emergency Finance Board in Boston. At this meeting the vote of the member towns was approved and the committee was authorized to borrow $350,000 for planning costs and the purchase of a site. As of this date $100,000 has been borrowed at a rate of 2.75 percent. It is expected that in January 1972 upon approval of the plans and a review of cost estimates that the floating of the full bond issue will be authorized by the Emergency Finance Board.

After authorization was given to purchase a site, the committee together with the architect and his engineers and landscape architect evaluated 11 potential sites for the school. Factors used in the site evaluation were: purchase price, site development costs, size, availability and cost of sewers and water, location with respect to all member towns, land clearing costs and geological findings. After careful consideration and agreements with the Town of Palmer, Three Rivers Water District, Mass. Dept. of Public Health, Mass. Div. of Environmental control and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers the so-called Panek property in the four corners area of Three Rivers was finally taken by eminent domain on Oct. 7, 1972. The damages awarded for their 50.2 acre site was $50,000.

Since the favorable vote on the bond issue in January the committee has been working closely with its architect, Drummey, Rosane and Anderson, of Wellesley to develop a functional educational facility worthy of the name "Pathfinder" and the faith of the voters of the member towns in their committee. As finally developed the plans call for a two story school with connected greenhouse and gymnasium. Provisions have been made for 11 shops or vocational areas, 16 classrooms, a science suite, 2 remedial classrooms, a dual library, administrative area, guidance area, music room, lunch room, tea room and a regulation size gymnasium with facilities for 600 spectators. Plans will soon be available and on public display in the member towns. Present schedule calls for bids to go out in early March with contract signing and groundbreaking in April. This schedule will permit the school to be opened for pupils in Sept. 1973.

Late in June Vincent A. Catacchio notified the committee that due to personal reasons he would not be able to continue as Superintendent-Director. After a diligent search and many personal interviews Paul A. Ahern, Asst. Superintendent of the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational-Technical High School was offered the position and he assumed his duties on Oct. 3rd.

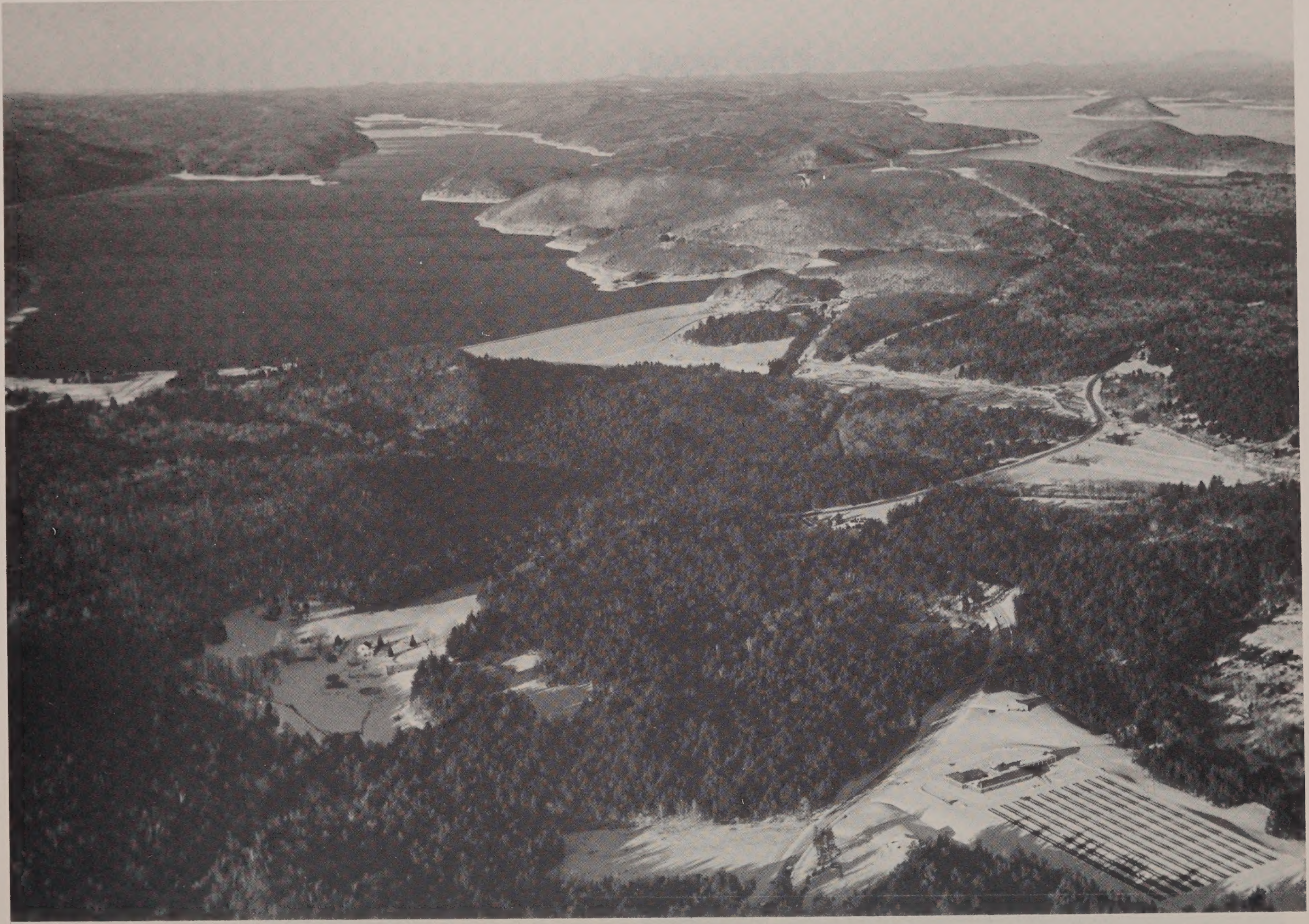
During the year the State Legislature passed a new law increasing state aid for new construction. The new legislation provides for reimbursement of 65 percent of both principal and interest instead of just principal as provided in previous laws. This will reduce the impact of the bond issue on the member towns considerably. However just how much this will be affected will not be known until details of funding and implementation are worked out.

When the Palmer School System acquired St. Ann's School in Three Rivers, Pathfinder was offered facilities there and moved its office so it could be nearer the new site. The thoughtful consideration of Dr. Santucci and the Palmer School Committee is most appreciated.

Pathfinder wants to take this opportunity to thank the many town officials and other citizens for the fine support given in many ways. We especially wish to thank the Superintendents of Schools and the many persons who have volunteered to be on our advisory committees.

Respectfully Submitted
David A. Staples
Pathfinder School Committee

Left to right: Henry D. Hersey, Pres. of Mass. Selectmen's Assn. 1972, William Gerry Whitlock, William Squires and John F. Kosloski Hadley Selectmen. At 43rd Mass. Selectmen's Annual State Wide Town Meeting—held at U-Mass.



Charles McLaughlin Fish Hatchery—Commonwealth of Mass. Background view of Quabbin Reservoir

Highway Department Report

In making out the Highway report for the year 1971 I would like to once again explain some of the main Highway programs that we now have in effect.

Under our Chapter 81 Fund, which is for secondary roads, the money is appropriated as follows:

Town's Share	$4,200.00
State's Share	$28,875.00

The bulk of this money is now being spent for the sealing of various roads which have been tarred over the past years. Some 17 roads received surface treatment this year. Plus, the following streets were completed: Gold Street, Orchard Street and Allen Street. It has been our program to give priority to the school bus and mail routes. Also, the Chapter 81 money is used for the graveling of the dirt roads we still have. They comprise less than 30% of our highways.

Under our Chapter 90 Maintenance Fund the money is divided as follows:

Town's Share	$6,000.00
County's Share	$6,000.00
State's Share	$6,000.00

Under the fund, the following routes are maintained: Rt. 21, Rt. 9, Rt. 181, and Three Rivers Road. For the past three years we have been resurfacing Rt 21 and hope to have the job completed by 1973. On the Three Rivers Road we sealed three miles last year and plan to start blacktopping that route, starting at the High School and heading south. Also, we are now asking for funds to do a preliminary survey of the Three Rivers Road underpass. After the survey is completed we intend to file the plans with the County Commissioners, the Department of Public Works, and the Department of Utilities for a grade crossing, which will make a great improvement. We have also cleaned and repaired the waterways on the Three Rivers Road, Rt. 9, and Rt. 21 from the funds.

Under Chapter 90 Construction the money is appropriated as follows:

Town's Share	$11,000.00
State and County's Share	$22,000.00

Our major program, of which we are sure everyone is aware, is the relocation of Bay Road, starting at the Amherst town line and heading east toward Stebbins Street. In order to receive State funds, the programs and the locations have to be approved by the Massachusetts DPW. In regard to the Bay Road project, the State would not allow us to continue on the old route for several reasons:

1) land cost

2) several houses have to be taken in order to straighten the route

3) the old route is in such bad condition that the cost would be prohibitive.

As of this date we have spent in the vicinity of $20,000 on this area. The great amount of fill which was needed was given to the Town by the Snows. We are now purchasing the remainder of the fill from two of the abutting landowners. This road is now up to grade and it is our hope that we will be able to complete the drainage and put on the subbase coat of bituminous concrete. This project is part of a long-range program. The first phase was Stebbins Street, on which we worked jointly with Granby, who have completed their secion to Rt. 202. As for Bay Road, the Town of Amherst has completed their section and the Town of Hadley is now in the process of finishing Bay Road in that town. The route is heavily travelled and we are sure that each year the traffic will increase. Also, under 90C the Town rebuilt a section of Rt. 9 from Rt. 202 to Bay Road. We feel that the project greatly improves the entrance coming into Belchertown and was long overdue.

We also have a special highway program which is separate and each year we add a new list of unsurfaced streets to be worked on. As the streets are completed a new street is added and we are usually working on at least 8-10 roads. This year the following streets will receive treatment under this program: Gold—to be completed in 1972, Munsell—to be completed in 1972, North—East end to be completed in 1972, Allen—between Rt. 9 and Bay Road, Summit, Wilson, Shaw, Ludlow, Michael Sears—to be completed in 1972, Howard, Federal—Federal to Metacomet intersection, Bardwell. Also, under the program we are gravelling and widening the above streets. This year, through legislation by the Selectmen's Association and the various Selectmen a $.01 increase in the gasoline tax was voted by the House and Senate and put into effect. The money is to be returned to the towns on a "cherry sheet" to be earmarked for highways. Belchertown's share could be in the vicinity of $74,000. This would mean that practically our entire Highway program would be removed from the tax roll.

We would like at this time to thank the members of the Highway Department for their cooperation in the past year, as we feel they have done a capable job and conditions have greatly improved. We have worked with the members of the department in helping to improve pay scales, vacation pay, sick leave, and paid holidays, which were largely overdue. In reviewing our contracts, we have had excellent relations. We have also received, under the Emergency Employment Act, a Sewer Maintenance Operator and Truck Driver, for whom we will be paid for seven months by the Federal government. We are very seriously considering merging with the Belchertown State School in the Treatment Plant area.

We are still hoping for a new Highway Department garage and feel that now we have a site picked and plans from which to work. Hopefully we will be able to go before the Town in 1972 for funds. We are also asking in the budget this year for a new dump truck and snow plow, as it was our program to replace our trucks on a 5-6 year basis. We did receive through Civil Defense, at no cost to the Town, an Army 6 x 6, 2 1/2 ton truck, which you will see in operation shortly.

Wm. Gerry Whitlock
Liaison—Highway Department

Parks and Recreation Report

This year's program was capped with the growing of the 6-week **baseball program** for boys, ages 7-14 years. The problems we encountered were mostly created because of the unexpected 150 boys that showed up to play. There were too few teams and the age groups uneven. The program sitll needs more adult help for coaching, umpires, and general help to make the program run at the lowest cost possible.

The **swim program** included better than 150 children and adults, and now runs in three, 3-week sessions. The program was a good one this year and promises to be even better next year.

The Beach: There was the usual vandalism this year, but not as bad as last year. Several loads of sand were added again this year. The outside of the beach house was painted by Belchertown High School students after the beach was closed. A new sign with the beach rules was made. Policing of the beach was increased to keep the amount of out-of-towners off the beach. The problem was once again a needle in our backs and again brought the Beach Committee into thinking a sticker program or card system should be implemented in the near future. It was voted that the fencing around the beach should be completed to keep people from walking in around the present fencing. A new lightweight dock was added to the beach. The dock was two sections, each 8 feet long. This will have to be added to if the dock is to be used properly. Also added this year was an outside faucet enabling us to water the lawn.

The committee agreed that perhaps in 1972 the beach area should be prepared earlier. Also, more markings should be set in the water to keep swimming confined to a safe area.

Parsons Field: The field was used more this year. It was used by the schools in the spring for baseball and other activities. Fall saw new activities by B.H.S. Girls' Field Hockey Team, plus other school events. The entire summer baseball program was held at Parson's Field, as well as the All-Star vs. Coaches game and family picnic that ended the program.

More work was done on both diamonds and permanent benches put in, and the water fountain was fixed.

The Old Town Hall: A weekend basketball program was held during the late fall and winter months. The program this winter has been cut to one day because of a lack of money. The Boy Scouts used it for regular meetings. There were two dog classes each week; one run by the 4-H Group. There were some dances and a variety of other activities, including physical education classes. Extra work had to be done on the furnace this year. The toilet facilities were painted. For the most part only planned activities were held because the committee hoped to hold down the cost and vandalism.

The Common: The problems of the common were shared with the Selectmen. There were some trees cut, benches painted, and the every-year jobs of picking up leaves and litter. Most of the scheduling was done by us with the exception of the Fair.

We also backed two other programs in Town. A Bowling program in the summer and a very well attended **exercise program** for older girls and women. The girls met twice a week at Lawrence Memorial Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael P. Forgue, Chairman
Parks, Beach and
Recreation Committee

Cemetery Commission Report

Early in March the Cemetery Commission met and elected the following officers: Chairman: Roy P. Reece, Jr.; Clerk: Edward L. Fuller; Secretary: Daniel W. McPhee.

During 1971 several small projects were completed. New lots were surveyed in South Cemetery. This coming summer we will set up a new section, as the first section is now almost completely sold. Several broken stones were repaired.

Again, during 1971, the mowing of cemeteries were put out to bid. This resulted in substantial savings again this year. General maintenance took up most of our time, concentrating on South and Mount Hope Cemeteries.

In 1971 we performed 26 burials. We turned back to the town $1455.00 in opening fees and $1195.00 received from sale of lots.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy P. Reece, Jr.
Edward L. Fuller
Daniel W. McPhee

Warrant For Annual Town Meeting
March 1 and 8, 1971

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.
To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,
GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections of Town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

IN PRECINCT A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall in Jabish Street

IN PRECINCT B, at the Franklin School Building, in Franklin Street, South Belchertown, on Monday, the first day of March A.D. 1971, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precinct officers of the several polling precincts of said Town for the following officers, to wit: a Moderator, a Town Clerk, and a Tree Warden, each for one year; an Assessor, a School Committee member, and a Planning Board member, each for two years (all unexpired terms); two Selectmen, a Tax and Town Collector, a Board of Health member, an Assessor, a School Committee member, a Cemetery Commissioner, and a Sewer Commissioner, each for three years; and a Planning Board member and Housing Authority member, each for five years.

The polls will be open at eight o'clock in the forenoon and closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

And you are further required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall in said Belchertown on Monday, the eighth day of March, A.D. 1971, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I. To choose the following named officers by nomination: Two (2) Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one (1) year; and one (1) trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three (3) years.

ARTICLE II. To hear reports of the officers of the Town and any committees that may have been appointed by the Town and act thereon.

ARTICLE III. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library Account the dog license refund of 1970, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE IV. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners, and the Tree Warden, to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, at hourly rates not to exceed the following:

Assessors	$ 2.75 per hour
Cemetery Commissioners	$ 2.00 per hour
Sewer Commissioners	$ 2.75 per hour
Tree Warden	$ 2.75 per hour

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE V. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account a sum of money to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VI. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VIII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, Program of 1971, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE IX. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE X. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for improvements of the following streets, all public ways:

Gold Street
North Street
Allen Street
Shaw Street
Michael Sears Road
Munsell Street
Orchard Street
Summit Street
Ludlow Street

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XI. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the purchase of a slide-in sander for the Highway Department, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the purchase of a utility tamper for the Highway Department, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XIII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XIV. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current year, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XV. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1971, and January 1, 1972, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XVI. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of two hundred dollars ($ 200.00) for the use of the Conservation Commission, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XVII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to add to the account already established for the purpose of constructing a field house on Parsons Field, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XVIII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money to pay the Town's apportioned share of the operating budget of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XIX. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the control of aquatic nuisance vegetation in Lake Metacomet, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XX. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1970:

Roland N. Tessier, M.D.	$ 12.00
Carlo A. Zingarelli, B.S., R.P.T.	24.00
Marcus B. Fried, M.D.	60.00
Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.	73.00
Spruce Manor Nursing Home	32.24
O'Neils' Pharmacy	57.15
Gold Cross Ambulance Service, Inc.	64.00
Forest Park Ambulance Service	122.00
Chadbourne Petroleum Products, Inc.	7.00
George J. Bronos, M.D.	200.00
P.J. Ramasway, M.D.	25.00

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXI. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the purchase of three (3) 5-stall collapsible voting booths, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXII. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the continuation of engineering and planning for a proposed sewerage system for the south end of Belchertown or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXIII. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 97, as amended, establishing a police department within the Town of Belchertown, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXIV. To see if the Town will vote to hold non-partisan Town caucus for the nomination of candidates of Town offices required to be voted for by official ballot at its annual meeting as provided for under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 53, Section 121, as amended, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXV. To see if the Town will vote to accept the gift of an easement in land situated on the Easterly side of Federal Street between Federal Street and Arcadia Pond granted to the Town by John R. Scott and Rose A. Scott, September 23, 1968, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXVI. To see if the Town will vote to amend the by-laws of the Town by deleting therefrom the amendment adopted under Article XXVIII of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held March 9, 1970, and adopting in its place the following section:

ARTICLE VIII, Section 8. All regular, full-time employees of the Town, other than elected officers and those appointed by the School Committee, having been regularly employed by the Town for a period of not less than fifty-two (52) consecutive weeks, shall be given annually five (5) working days vacation without loss of pay and such employees who have been regularly employed by the Town for a period of not less than one hundred four (104) consecutive weeks shall be given annually ten (10) working days vacation without loss of pay; and all regular full-time employees of the Town, other than elected officers and those appointed by the School Committee, who have been regularly employed by the Town for not less than thirty (30) days shall not suffer loss of pay for failure to work upon the secular days during which the following holidays are celebrated:

Christmas
Thanksgiving
Labor Day
Veterans' Day
Washington's Birthday
New Years
Memorial Day
Columbus Day
Independence Day
Patriots Day

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXVII. To see if the Town will vote to accept a layout of Woodhaven Drive as shown on a plan entitled "Subdivision of Land of Mill Hollow Realty Trust" by John T. Casey, dated November 1964 and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Northampton, Mass., Plan Book 66, Pages 74 and 75 and on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of Belchertown, but subject to the right reserved by said Mill Hollow Realty Trust to maintain, repair or replace a water pipe thereon, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXVIII. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money, and that said sum shall be added to and become a part of the Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE XXIX. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for use by the Assessors, to reduce the tax rate, or take any action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the intersection of Gulf Road and Amherst Road, one at the intersection of Metacomet Street and Bay Road, one at the intersection of Rockrimmon Street and Chauncy Walker Street, one at the intersection of South Street and South Liberty Street, one at the intersection of Depot Street and Keyes Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this sixteenth day of February, A.D. 1971.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Chairman
Arthur J. Moriarty
William H. Squires, Jr.
Eleanor L. Schmidt
Michael S. Mathras

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith, in compliance with the instructions contained in both the town by-laws and this warrant.

Ernest M. Gay,
Constable
February 19, 1971

Town Election March 1, 1971

(* denotes elected)

Office Name	Prec. A	Prec. B	Totals
Moderator, 1 year			
Charles W. Jackson*	936	160	1096
Blanks	208	45	253
	— —	— —	— —
	1144	205	1349
Town Clerk, 1 year			
Robert D. Camp, Sr.*	986	169	1155
Blanks	158	36	194
	— —	— —	— —
	1144	205	1349
Selectmen, 3 years (Elected Two)			
Michael S. Mathras*	437	81	518
William Gerry Whitlock*	577	77	654
Jane L. Gawlik	204	68	272
John H. Reed	366	70	436
Parker Ketchen	445	54	499
Blanks	259	60	319
	— —	— —	— —
	2288	410	2698
Tax & Town Collector, 3 years			
Robert D. Camp, Sr.*	984	174	1158
	160	31	191
	— —	— —	— —
	1144	205	1349

Planning Board, 5 years			
Roy E. Cunningham*	630	135	765
Patrick D. Kamins	441	47	488
Blanks	73	23	96
	— —	— —	— —
	1144	205	1349
Assessor, 2 years			
Walter L. Papp*	969	171	1140
Blanks	175	34	209
	— —	— —	— —
	1144	205	1349
Board of Health			
Charlotte P. Ketchen*	910	152	1062
Blanks	234	53	287
	— —	— —	— —
	1144	205	1349
Assessor, 3 years			
Isaac A. Hodgen*	894	151	1045
Blanks	250	54	304
	— —	— —	— —
	1144	205	1349
Tree Warden, 1 year			
Albert W. Brown*	995	181	1176
Blanks	149	24	173
	— —	— —	— —
	1144	205	1349

Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years

Danie W. MacPhee*	946	159	1105
Blanks	198	45	244
	1144	205	1349

Sewer Commissioner, 3 years

D. Donald Hazen*	949	163	1112
Blanks	195	42	237
	1144	205	1349

Votes Cast March 1, 1971—Prec. A 1144; Prec. B. 205—Total vote 1349

Registered voters at Belchertown as of Feb. 9, 1971:

	Prec. A	Prec B	Totals
Democrat	405	107	512
Independent	802	162	964
Republican	517	50	567
Totals	1724	319	2043

Attest:
Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

School Committee, 3 years

Richard D. Pratt*	927	156	1083
Blanks	217	49	266
	1144	205	1349

School Committee, 2 years

Harold E. Mellin, Jr.*	544	112	656
George A. Smith, Jr.	547	73	620
Blanks	53	20	73
	1144	205	1349

Housing Authority, 5 years

Hudson Holland*	725	67	792
Philip J. Sulewski	349	119	468
Blanks	70	19	89
	1144	205	1349

Planning Board, 2 years

John J. Sullivan, III*	905	153	1058
Blanks	239	52	291
	1144	205	1349

Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held March 8, 1971

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson

Registered voters present 188. (Quorum required—25)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Invocation given by Rev. John F. Edwin, Jr.

Oustanding citizen award presented to Louis E. Fuller, Fire Chief, by the Board of Selectmen.

Lieut. Arthur H. Brennen, (Retired) of the Metropolitan District Commission presented with a certificate of appreciation by the Board of Selectmen.

RESOLUTIONS: Memorializing the passing of Sidney W. Wheeler, J. Bernard Bowler and Thomas E. Hanifin for their many services to the community; and to Lieut. Michael Paul Austin who made the supreme sacrifice on the field of battle, in the uniform of the United States Army, in the service of his country.

Art. 1—Nominated and elected Mrs. Sophia M. Pero and Mrs. Ruth B. Fuller as Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Mrs. Rachel G. Shumway as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 2—Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the town and of any committees that may have been appointed by the town, with the exception of the Finance Committee. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 3—Voted to take no action of this article. (Vote—Unanimous)

Art. 4.—Voted to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners and the Tree Warden, to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, at hourly rates not to exceed the following: Assessors, Sewer Commissioners and Tree Warden at $2.75 per hour; and the Cemetery Commissioners at $2.00 per hour. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 5—Voted to appropriate and transfer from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $700.00 to the Insurance Account. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 6—6—Voted to appropriate and transfer from the Roads Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $1,978.61 to the Road Machinery Expense Account. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 7—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,200.00 and that the sum of $28,875.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury for Chapter 81 Highways. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 8—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $11,000.00 and that the sum of $33,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury for Chapter 90 highways construction, Program for 1971. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 9—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,000.00 and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $12,000.00 for Chapter 90 maintenance. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 10—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $13,000.00 for the improvement of the following streets, all public ways: Gold Street, Munsell Street, North Street, Orchard Street, Allen Street, Summit Street, Shaw Street, Ludlow Street and Michael Sears Road. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 11—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,675.00 for the purchase of a slide-in sander for the highway department. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 12—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $675.00 for the purchase of a Utility Tamper for the highway department. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 13—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,815.00 for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 14—Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds, moneys for departmental and incidental expenses of the town for the ensuing year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be separately considered and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, to be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the town, except as hereinafter provided in the separate motions. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $58,580.00 for General Government. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $60,183.00 for Protection of persons and property. (Vote—Yes 114, No 23)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $32,350.00 for Health & Sanitation. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $83,720.00 for highways & sidewalks. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $22,650.00 for the Veterans' Dept. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $997,479.00 for the School Department. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,500.00 for the Clapp Memorial Library. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $8,500.00 for Parks & Recreation. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,363.00 for Cemeteries. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $59,906.00 for pensions and insurance. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $14,105.00 for Unclassified items. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $94,927.00 for Maturing Debt and Interest, and that the sum of $21,000.00 be appropriated and transferred from available funds in the treasury. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 15—Voted to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1971 and January 1, 1972, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 16—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for the conservation fund, for the use of the Conservation Commission. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 17—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to add to the account already established for the purpose of constructing a field house on Parsons Field. (Vote—Majority Yes)

Art. 18—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $775.85 for the town's apportioned share of the operating budget of the Pathfinder Regional Vocation Technical High School District for the calendar year 1971. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 19—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the control of aquatic vegetation in Lake Metacomet. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 20—Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1970: Namely—

Roland N. Tessier, M.D	$12.00
Carlo A. Zingarelli, B.S., R.P.T.	24.00
Marcus B. Fried, M.D.	60.00
Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.	73.00
Spruce Manor Nusing Home	32.24
O'Neills Pharmacy	57.15
Gold Cross Ambulance Service, Inc.	64.00
Forest Park Ambulance Service	122.00
Chadbourne Petroleum Products, Inc.	7.00
George J. Bronos, M.D.	200.00
P.J. Ramaswamy, M.D.	25.00
	$676.39

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 21—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $600.00 for the purchase of three (3) five-stall collapsible voting booths. (Vote—Majority Yes)

Art. 22—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the continuation of engineering and planning for a proposed sewerage system for the south end of Belchertown. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 23—Voted to take no action on this article. (Vote—Unanimous)

Art. 24—Voted to hold nonpartisan town caucus for the nomination of candidates of town offices, required to be voted for by official ballot at its annual meeting as provided for under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 53, Section 121, as amended. (Vote—Majority Yes)

Art. 25—Voted to take no action on this article. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 26—Voted to amend the By-Laws of the town by deleting therefrom the amendment adopted under article XXVIII of the warrant for the annual town meeting held March 9, 1970, and adopting in its place the following secion:

Article VIII, Section 8 All regular full-time employees of the town, other than elected officers and those appointed by the School Committee, having been regularly employed by the town for a period of not less than fifty-two (52) consecutive weeks, shall be given annually ten (10) working days vacation without loss of pay; and all regular full-time employees of the town, other than elected officers and those appointed by the School Committee, who have been regularly employed by the town for not less than thirty (30) days shall not suffer loss of pay for failure to work upon the secular days during which the following holidays are celebrated:

Christmas
Labor Day
Washington's Birthday
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Thanksgiving
Veterans Day
New Years Day
Columbus Day
Patriots Day.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 27 Voted to accept from Mill Hollow Realty Trust, A Massachusetts business trust acting by and through its Trustees, Stanford J. Harrington and George B. Jackson, a newly laid out street known as Woodhaven Drive, extending from Main Street easterly a distance of 1177 feet, more or less, with a 53.08 foot width to and including Woodhaven Drive Circle, having a 60 foot radius, southeasterly 115 feet more or less with a width of 57.26 feet and continuing southeasterly 120 feet more or less with a width of 51.27 feet as shown on a plan of land entitled "Subdivision of Land of Mill Hollow Realty Trust" by John T. Casey, dated November 1964 and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Northampton, Mass., Plan Book 66, Pages 74 and 75 and on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of Belchertown, but subject to the right to maintain, repair or replace a water pipe running along the boundary between Lot 9 and Lot 11 as shown on the said plan and which pipe passes under the surface of Woodhaven Drive, from the southerly side of Woodhaven Drive to the northerly side of Woodhaven Drive but within the limits of the said road layout approximately 320 feet to the curve of Woodhaven Drive Extension, thence following the curve of the Woodhaven Drive Extension and running generally northwesterly, approximately 45 feet along the westerly side of Woodhaven Drive Extension; and thence crossing at a right angle northeasterly under the surface of Woodhaven Drive Extension and entering the propery of George B. Jackson on Lot No. 16 as shown on the said Plan and which right has been assigned and conveyed to George B. Jackson and Beverly M. Jackson, provided that if the said pipe is ever repaired or replaced, that the said George B. Jackson and Beverly M. Jackson or their heirs or assigns, that they will restore the surface of the said Drive after any such repairs or replacement. And further, that this street shall be accepted as a public town highway and officially designated as Woodhaven Drive, as presently named. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 28 Voted to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $10,000.00, and that said sum shall be added to and become a part of the Stabilization Fund. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 29 Voted to appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $40,000.00 for use by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 10:55 P.M.

Attest:
Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Appropriations voted by the annual town meeting held March 8, 1971

Art. No. Budget	Raise and appropriate	From available funds	From Free Cash
1. None			
2. None			
3. None			
4. None			
5. Insurrance Account		700.00	
6. Road machinery account		1,978.61	
7. Highways, Chaper 81	4,200.00		28,875.00
8. Highways, Chapter 90 Constr.	11,000.00		33,000.00
9. Highways, Chap. 90 Maint.	6,000.00		12,000.00
10. Streets, sundry, improvement (9)	13,000.00		
11. Slide in sander, highways	2,675.00		
12. Utility tamper, highways	675.00		
13. Police cruiser	2,815.00		
14. Itemized budgets			
Item No.			
1. Moderator, expenses	25.00		
2. Finance committee expenses	150.00		
3. Selectmen, salaries (Chmn 1000.00, 4 at 800.00)	4,200.00		
expenses	3,000.00		
4. Zoning By-Law agent, salary	400.00		
expenses	150.00		
5. Accountant & administration			
salary	6,300.00		
expenses	4,075.00		
6. Treasurer, salary	3,200.00		
expenses	2,760.00		
7. Clerk, salary	1,600.00		
expenses	1,120.00		
8. Collector, salary	3,400.00		
expenses	3,015.00		
9. Assessors, salaries (Chmn 600.00, 2 at 500.00)	1,600.00		
Expense	9,700.00		
10. Law, expenses	3,050.00		
11. Elections & Registration	2,980.00		
12. Planning Board, expenses	3,050.00		
13. Municipal Buildings			
Lawrence Memorial Hall	2,805.00		
Town Garage	1,800.00		
14. Industrial Development Commission	200.00		
15. Police	42,383.00		
16. Fire	4,500.00		
17. Forest Fires	2,200.00		
18. Hydrant service	4,000.00		
19. Sealer, Wghts. & Meas.	375.00		
20. Inspector of Wiring	500.00		
21. Conservation Commission	150.00		
22. Civil Defense, salary	350.00		
expenses	400.00		
23. Water Storage Holes (Fire)	800.00		
24. Tree Services			
Tree Warden Wages & expenses	2,500.00		
Insect Pest Control	800.00		
Dutch Elm Disease	1,600.00		
25. Board of Appeals	125.00		
26. Dog Officer expense	300.00		
27. Board of Health, salaries (Chmn. 150.00, 2 at 100.00)	250.00		
expenses	3,850.00		

28. Sewers, Commissioners salaries	650.00		
(Chmn 250.00, 2 at 200.00)			
expenses	21,500.00		
29. Town Dump	6,000.00		
30. Highways, general	21,500.00		
30A. Road machinery expenses	8,500.00		
31. Bridges	2,000.00		
32. Snow removal	40,000.00		
33. Sidewalks, maintenance	2,000.00		
34. Street lights	9,720.00		
35. Veterans Department, salary	650.00		
Benefits & expenses	22,000.00		
36. Schools, administration	33,230.00		
Instruction	703,764.00		
Other school services	116,472.00		
Operation & Maintenance of plant	108,583.00		
Programs with other schools	35,430.00		
37. Clapp Memorial Library	5,500.00		
38. Parks, beaches and recreation	8,500.00		
39. Cemeteries, Commissioners salaries	600.00		
(3 at 200.00)			
General care, expenses	4,563.00		
Solderies graves, expenses	2000.00		
40. Pensions, town employees	17,572.00		
41. Insurance, (A) General	26,027.00		
(B) Health, town share	15,131.00		
(C) Life, town share	1,176.00		
42. Unclassified items			
Patriotic excercises	275.00		
Town Clock	300.00		
Town Reports	1,900.00		
Reserve Fund	10,000.00		
Miscellaneous	1,330.00		
Rent, American Legion	300.00		
43. Debt, principal 1949 Sewers	1,000.00		
Debt, principal 1952 school	19,000.00		
Debt, principal 1963 school	45,000.00		
Debt, principal 1970 highways			21,000.00
Interest, 1949 sewer loan	100.00		
Interest, 1952 school loan	798.00		
Interest, 1963 school loan	18,135.00		
Interest, 1970 highway loan	394.00		
Interest, 1971 temporary notes	10,500.00		
15. None. Authorization to borrow			
16. Conservation Fund	200.00		
17. Parsons Field House account	1,000.00		
18. Town share of budget for Pathfinder Regional Voc. Tech. School Dist.	775.85		
19. Aquatic vegetation, Lake Metacomet	1,000.00		
20. Unpaid bills of 1970 (11 items)	676.39		
21. Voting booths (3) Five stall units	600.00		
22. Sewerage engineering for South Belchertown (Continued planning)	1,000.00		
23. None			
24. None			
25. None			
26. None (By-Law amendment, adoption of)			
27. None (Street acceptance)			
28. Stabilization Fund			10,000.00
29. To reduce the tax rate, assessors			40,000.00
Totals	$1,488,880.24	$2,678.61	$144,875.00

Raised and Appropriated	$1,488,880.24
Available Funds	2,678.61
Free Cash	144,875.00
Grand Totals	$1,636,433.85

Attest:
Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
January 18, 1971

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, in said Belchertown, on Monday, the eighteenth day of January, A.D. 1971, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I. To see if the Town will vote to approve the $ 3,529,500.00 indebtedness authorized the the Regional District School Committee of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District on December 18, 1970, for the purpose of acquiring land for and constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a vocational-technical high school. Vote to be by "YES" or "NO" ballot.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the intersection of Gulf Road and Amherst Road, one at the intersection of Metacomet Street and Bay Road, one at the intersection of Rockrimmon Street and Chauncy Walker Street, one at the intersection of South Street and South Liberty Street, one at the intersection of Depot Street and Keyes Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this seventh day of January, A.D. 1971.
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Chairman
Arthur J. Moriarty
Eleanor L. Schmidt

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith, in compliance with the instructions contained in both the Town By-Laws and this Warrant.

Ernest M. Gay
Constable
January 9, 1971
A true copy,
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
held January 18, 1971

Moderator-Charles W. Jackson
Voters present, in excess of the required quorum of 25.
Meeting called to order - 7:31 P.M.

ARTICLE I. Voted to approve the $ 3,529,500.00 indebtedness authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District on December 18, 1970, for the purpose of acquiring land for and constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a vocational-technical high school. (Check list vote by the Registrars of Voters using the YES-NO ballots) Ballots as follows: YES 130 NO 27.

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:16 P.M.

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
June 1, 1971

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, in said

Belchertown on Tuesday evening, the first day of June A.D. 1971, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury to the Clapp Memorial Library Account, the following sum of money which has been received by the Town from the Commonwealth for library purposes, the sum of $1,296.50, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE II. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the school committee to use $4,588.03, of Public Law 864 funds, in excess of the amount used as a credit in the determination of the 1971 school budget, said additional funds to be used for the following purposes:

Administration — Out-of-State Travel	$ 200.00
Instruction — Out-of-State Travel	$ 200.00
Instruction (regular expenses-itemized)	$ 4,188.03

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE III. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to the Election and Registration Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE IV To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase and installation of a Plectron Alerting System consisting of twenty-eight (28) units and an encoder, for the Fire Department, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE V. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1970:

Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.	$73.00
Spring Street Drug Store	$ 37.75
Chadbourne Petroleum Products, Inc.	$ 16.25

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VI. To see if the Town will authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to sign, seal and deliver on behalf of the Town a quitclaim deed running through its Trustees, Stanford J. Harrington and George Jackson, transferring and conveying to the Trust all of the Town's right, title and interest, including the right to foreclose the right of redemption of the former owners, in and to the following parcels of land of low value:

(1) The land described in deed of low value land recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1502, page 597, and being further described in Book 1412, Page 495.

(2) The land described in deed of low value land recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1502, Page 598, and being further described in Book 1395, page 302.

(3) The land described in deed of low value land recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1502, Page 599, and being further described in Book 1379, page 469.

(4) The land described in deed of low value land recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1502, page 600, and being further described in Book 1407, page 388.

(5) The land described in deed of low value land recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1502, page 601, and being further described in Book 1407, page 389.

All of the above deeds of low value land having been previously sold to Mill Hollow Realty Trust, and transferred by deed of the Town Treasurer of Belchertown by deed dated March 1, 1967, and all of which were recorded on March 6, 1967, but which deeds were invalid and void because they were not recorded within sixty (60) days after the date of sale on August 20, 1965, at which time the Town was paid for the said land, the purpose of this article being passed to authorize a quitclaim deed to attempt to correct the title defect, or take any action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the intersection of Gulf Road and Amherst Road, one at the intersection of Metacomet Street and Bay Road, one at the intersection of Rockrimmon Street and Chauncey Walker Street, one at the intersection of South Street and South Liberty Street, one at the intersection of Depot Street and Keyes Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this seventeenth day of May A.D. 1971

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Chairman
Arthur J. Moriarty
William H. Squires, Jr.
Eleanor L. Schmidt
Michael S. Mathras

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith, in compliance with the instructions contained in both the Town By-Laws and this Warrant.

Ernest M. Gay,
Constable
May 20, 1971

A true copy
Attest:
Margaret S. Kirby
Assistant Town Clerk

Action taken at Special Town Meeting held June 1, 1971

Moderator — Charles W. Jackson
Registered voters present 40 (Quorum required - 25)
Meeting called to order at 7:34 P.M.

ARTICLE I. Voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from available funds in the treasury to the Clapp Memorial Library Account, the sum of $1,296.50 which has been received by the Town from the Commonwealth for library purposes for the year 1971.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II. Voted that the school committee be authorized to use $4,588.03 of Public Law 864 funds, in excess of the amount used as a credit in the determination of the 1971 school budget, said additional funds to be used for the following purposes.

Administration-Out-of-State Travel	$ 200.00
Instruction - Out-of-State Travel	$ 200.00
Instruction (regular expenses-itemized)	$ 4,188.03

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III. Voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, the sum of $1,930.00 to the Election and Registration Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IV. Voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, the sum of $4,500.00 for the purchase and installation of a Plectrom Alerting System consisting of twenty-eight (28) units and an encoder, for the Fire Department.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE V. Voted that the Town appropriate and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1970:

Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.	$ 73.–
Spring Street Drug Store	$ 37.75
Chadbourne Petroleum Products, Inc.	$ 16.25

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VI. Voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:00 P.M.

A true copy,
Attest: Margaret S. Kirby
Assistant Town Clerk

Article 1 through V
Total appropriated from available funds $12,441.53

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING August 2, 1971

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, in said Belchertown, on Monday 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I. To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Industrial District the following described land and including the same within the Residential District:

Starting at a marker on the southeast side of George Hannum Street 300' southwest of the junction of George Hannum Street and Federal Street (also known as Route 9) this also being the northwest corner of the Quabbin Printing Company land, proceeding S 28 degrees 36' 00'' E 500' to a marker; thence S 52 degrees 15' 20'' W 740' to another marker that is 20' south of the Town Sewer Easement through said property; thence S 74 degrees 45' 00'' W 110' to another marker; thence S 86 degrees 10' 00'' W 350' parallel to an 20' south of the Town Sewer Easement to a marker; thence N 20 degrees 30' 00'' E 40' to a marker at the corner of the lot; thence N 63 degrees 30' 00'' W 227.50' to George Hannum Street; thence following George Hannum Street N 59 degrees 30' 00'' E 135'; thence continuing along George Hannum Street N 52 degrees 15' 20'' E 1166.16' to the point of beginning, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE II. To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District the following described land and including the same within the Business District:

Beginning at a point at a Massachusetts State Highway bound in the southwesterly side line of North Main Street (Route 202) of station 301 98.65 of the 1950 State Highway Layout; thence S 13 degrees 42' 50" W 200' along said southwesterly side line of North Main Street to a point; thence S 76 degrees 17' 10" E 450' along land of the Ketchen Realty Trust to a point; thence N 13 degrees 42' 50" W 680' also along land of Ketchen Realty Trust to a point; thence N 28 degrees 36' 00" W 300' along land of Ketchen Realty Trust to a point; thence S 52 degrees 15' 20" W 150' along land of Quabbin Printing Company Inc. to a point; thence S 28 Degrees 36' 00" E 310' along land of Ketchen Realty Trust to a point; thence curving generally southeasterly a distance of 540' to a point; said point being 225' S 76 degrees 17' 10" E of the southwesterly side line of Route 9 and being the northwesterly corner of land of Chauncey D. Walker Post 239 Inc., The American Legion; thence S 5 degrees 03' 07" W 75.85' along land of Chauncey D. Walker Post 239, Inc. to a point; thence S 76 degrees 17' 10" E 215' along land of Chauncey D. Walker Post 239 Inc. to the point of beginning, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE III. To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Residential District the following described land and including the same within the Business District.

Beginning at an iron pin in the northerly line of Sargent Street at the southeasterly corner of land formerly of Nannie H. Petfield and now or formerly of Harold W. Willey et ux, and running thence N 50 degrees 03' 45" E by the Last named land 220.51' to an iron pin at land now or formerly of the City of Springfield; thence running S 54 degrees 27' 45" E by the last named land 61.25' to an iron pin at other land of said City of Springfield; thence running S 11 degrees 24' 15" W by the last named land and by land now or formerly of Wallace Chevalier 172.75' to an iron pin; thence running S 19 degrees 37' 15" W still by said Chevalier's land 54.70' to an iron pin in said northerly line of Sargent Street; thence running westerly by said Sargent Street on a curve with a radius of 650' an arc distance of 68.61' to a Massachusetts highway bound; thence continuing westerly by said Sargent Street on a curve having a radius of 300', and an arc distance of 136.73' to the iron pin at the point of beginning, or take any action relative thereto.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the intersection of Gulf Road and Amherst Road, one at the intersection of Metacomet Street and Bay Road, one at the intersection of Rockrimmon Street and Chauncey Walker Street, one at the intersection of South Street and South Liberty Street, one at the intersection of Depot Street and Keyes Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given unto our hands this 19th. day of July, A.D. 1971.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Chairman
Arthur J. Moriarty
William H. Squires, Jr.
Eleanor L. Schmidt
Michael S. Mathras

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith, in compliance with the instructions contained in both the Town By-Laws and this Warrant.

Ernest M. Gay
Constable
July 22, 1971

A true copy,
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING held August 2, 1971

Moderator-Charles W. Jackson
Registered voters present 28 (Quorum required - 25)
Meeting called to order at 7:36 P.M.

ARTICLE I. Voted to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Industrial District the following described land and including the same within the Residential District:

Starting at a marker on the southeast side of George Hannum Street 300' southwest of the junction of George Hannum Street and Federal Street (also known as Route 9) this also being the northwest corner of the Quabbin Printing Company land, proceeding S 28 degrees 36' 00" E 500' to a marker; thence S 52 degrees 15' 20" W 740' to another marker that is 20' south of the Town Sewer Easement through said property; thence S 74 degrees 45' 00" W 110' to another marker; thence S 86 degrees 10' 00" W 350' parallel to and 20' south of the Town Sewer Easement to a marker; thence N 20 degrees 30' 00" E 40' to a marker at the corner of the lot; thence N 63 degrees 30' 00" W 227.50' to George Hannum Street; thence following George Hannum Street N 59 degrees 30' 00" E 135'; thence continuing along George Hannum Street N 52

degrees 15' 20'' E 1166.16' to the point of beginning.
(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II Voted to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District the following described land and including the same within the Business District:

Beginning at a point at a Massachusetts State Highway bound in the southwesterly side line of North Main Street (Route 202) of station 301 98.65 of the 1950 State Highway Layout; thence S 13 degrees 42' 50'' W 200' along said southwesterly side line of North Main Street to a point; thence S 76 degrees 17' 10'' E 450' along land of the Ketchen Realty Trust to a point; thence N 13 degrees 42' 50'' W 680' also along land of Ketchen Realty Trust to a point; thence N 28 degrees 36' 00'' W 300' along land of Ketchen Realty Trust to a point; thence S 52 degrees 15' 20'' W 150' along land of Quabbin Printing Company Inc. to a point; thence S 28 degrees 36' 00'' E 310' along land of Ketchen Realty Trust to a point; thence curving generally southeasterly a distance of 540' to a point; said point being 225' S 76 degrees 17' 10'' E of the southeasterly side line of Route 9 and being the northwesterly corner of land of Chauncey D. Walker Post 239 Inc., The American Legion; thence S 5 degrees 03' 07'' W 75.85' along land of Chauncey D. Walker Post 239, Inc. to a point; thence S 76 degrees 17' 10'' E 215' along land of Chauncey D. Walker Post 239 Inc. to the point of beginning.
(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III. Voted that the Town amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Residential District the following described land and including the same within the Business District:

Beginning at an iron pin in the northerly line of Sargent Street at the southeasterly corner of land formerly of Nannie H. Petfield and now or formerly of Harold W. Willey et ux, and running thence N 50 degrees 03' 45'' E by the last named land 220.51' to an iron pin at land now or formerly of the City of Springfield; thence running S 54 degrees 27' 45'' E by the last named land 61.25' to an iron pin at other land of said City of Springfield; thence running S 11 degrees 24' 15'' W by the last named land and by land now or formerly of Wallace Chevalier 172.75' to an iron pin; thence running S 19 degrees 37' 15'' W still by said Chevalier's land 54.70' to an iron pin in said northerly line of Sargent Street; thence running westerly by said Sargent Street on a curve with a radius of 650' an arc distance of 68.61' to a Massachusetts highway bound; thence continuing westerly by said Sargent Street on a curve having a radius of 300', and arc distance of 136.73' to the iron pin at the point of beginning.
(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:18 P.M.

A true copy,
Attest: Margaret S. Kirby
Assistant Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
September 27, 1971

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, in said Belchertown, on Monday evening, the twenty-seventh day of September, A.D. 1971, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, vis:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available free cash in the treasury a sum of money to the Veterans' Benefits Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE II. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available free cash in the treasury a sum of money to the Town Dump Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE III. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available free cash in the treasury a sum of money to the Town Treasurer Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE IV. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available free cash in the treasury a sum of money to the Town Clerk Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE V. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available free cash in the treasury a sum of money to the Town Clerk Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE V. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available free cash in the treasury a sum of money to the Town Collector Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VI. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available free cash in the treasury a sum of money to the Town Accountant Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VII. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available free cash in the treasury a sum of monies for the following bills incurred in 1970:

Rita M. Kelley, M.D.	$ 20.00
Carlo A. Zingarelli, B.S., R.P.T.	32.00
Wesson Memorial Hospital	236.57
Spruce Manor Nursing Home	32.24

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VIII. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account a sum of money to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the intersection of Gulf Road and Amherst Road, one at the intersection of Metacomet Street and Bay Road, one at the intersection of Rockrimmon Street and Chauncey Walker Street, one at the intersection of South Street and South Liberty Street, one at the intersection of Depot Street and Keyes Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this ninth day of September, A.D. 1971.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Chairman
Arthur J. Moriarty
William H. Squires, Jr.
Eleanor L. Schmidt
Michael S. Mathras

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith. The posting instructions contained in the Warrant and inb the Town By-Laws have been complied with.

Ernest M. Gay,
Constable
Sept. 11, 1971

A true copy
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
held September 27, 1971

Moderator-Charles W. Jackson
Registered voters present 29 (Quorum required - 25)
Meeting called to order at 7:36 P.M.

ARTICLE I. Voted to appropriate from available free cash in the treasury, the sum of $12,000.00 to the Veterans' Benefits Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II. Voted to appropriate from available free cash in the treasury, the sum of $3,000.00 to the Town Dump Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III. Voted to appropriate from available free cash in the treasury, the sum of $920.00 to the Town Treasurer Expense Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IV. Voted to appropriate from available free cash in the treasury, the sum of $1,300.00 to the Town Clerk Expense Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE V. Voted to appropriate from available free cash in the treasury, the sum of $1,270.00 to the Town Collector Expense Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VI. Voted to appropriate from available free cash in the treasury, the sum of $1,500.00 to the Town Accountant Expense Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VII. Voted to appropriate from available free cash in the treasury, the sum of $288.57 for the following bills incurred in 1970:

Rita M. Kelly, M.D.	$ 20.00
Carlo A. Zingarelli, B.S., R.P.T.	32.00
Wesson Memorial Hospital	236.57
	$288.57

ARTICLE VIII. Voted to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account, the sum of $1,600.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 7:55 P.M.

A true copy
Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
December 13, 1971

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall, in said Belchertown, on Monday evening, the thirteenth day of December, A.D. 1971, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE I. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available free cash in the treasury a sum of money to the Police Department Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE II. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available free cash in the treasury a sum of money to the Sewer Maintenance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE III. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to use $7,000.00 of Public Law 874 funds, in excess of the amount used as a credit in the determination of the 1971 school budget, said additional funds to be used for the following purposes:

Administration— (Expenditures-itemized)	$ 600.00
Operation and Maintenance— (Expenditures-itemized)	6,400.00

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE IV. To see if the Town will authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen, Town of Belchertown, to sign, seal and deliver on behalf of the Town of Belchertown, a quitclaim deed running to Mill Hollow Realty Trust, a Massachusetts business trust, acting by and through its Trustees, Stanford J. Harrington and George B. Jackson, transferring and conveying to the Trust all of the Town's right, title and interest, including any right to foreclose the right of redemption by the former owners, in and to the following parcel of land of low value:

(1) The land described in deed of low value land recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1502, Page 599, and being further described in Book 1379, Page 469.

The above deed of low value land has been previously sold to Mill Hollow Realty Trust, and transferred by deed of the Town Treasurer of Belchertown, by deed dated March 1, 1967, and was recorded on March 6, 1967, but which deed was not recorded within sixty (60) days after the date of the sale on August 20, 1965, at which time the Town was paid for the said land, this Vote being passed to authorize a quitclaim deed to attempt to correct the title defect, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE V. To see if the Town will authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen, Town of Belchertown, to sign, seal and deliver on behalf of the Town of Belchertown, a quitclaim deed running to Mill Hollow Realy Trust, a Massachusetts business trust, acting by and through its trustees, Stanford J. Harrington and George B. Jackson, transferring and conveying to the Trust all of the Town's right, title and interest including any right to foreclose the right of redemption by the former owners, in and to the following parcels of land of low value:

(1) The land described in deed of low value land recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1502, Page 597, and being further described in Book 1412, Page 498.

(2) The land described in deed of low value land recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1502, Page 598, and being further described in Book 1395, Page 302.

(3) The land described in deed of low value land recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1502, Page 600, and being further described in Book 1407, Page 388.

(4) The land described in deed of low value land recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1502, Page 601, and being further described in Book 1407, Page 389.

All of the above deeds of low value land having been previously sold to Mill Hollow Realty Trust, and transferred by deed of the Town Treasurer of Belchertown by deed dated March 1, 1967, and all of which were recorded on March 6, 1967, but which deeds were not recorded within sixty (60) days after the date of the sale on August 20, 1965, at which time the Town was paid for the said land, this Vote being passed to authorize a quitclaim deed to attempt to correct the title defect, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VI. To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the

Agricultural District the following described land and including the same within the Business District:

Beginning at a point at an iron pin on the West side of Daniel Shays Highway bounded on the South by land of John and Gloria Conkey; thence proceeding north along Daniel Shays Highway 500' to iron pin on land of E.B. and S.J. Conkey; thence westerly 500' to an iron pin on land of E.B. and S.J. Conkey; thence south to an iron pin bounding land of J. and G. Conkey; thence easterly 500' to point of beginning at Daniel Shays a Highway consisting of 3.5 acres, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE VII. To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District the following described land and including the same within the Business District:

Beginning at a point at an iron pin on the west side of Daniel Shays Highway bounded on the north by land of Edward B. and Sylvia J. Conkey; thence proceeding south along Daniel Shays Highway 500' to iron pin on land of J. and G. Conkey; thence northwesterly 500' to an iron pin on land of J. and G. Conkey; thence north 140' to an iron pin bounding land of Edward B. and Sylvia J. Conkey, thence easterly 500' to point of beginning at Daniel Shays Highway consisting of 3.5 acres, or take any action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the intersection of Gulf Road and Amherst Road, one at the intersection of Metacomet Street and Bay Road, one at the intersection of Rockrimmon Street and Chauncy Walker Street, one at the intersection of South Street and South Liberty Street, one at the intersection of Depot Street and Keyes Street, one at Town Hall, and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at or before the time of holding said meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS this third day of December, A.D. 1971

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Arthur J. Moriarty
William H. Squires, Jr.
Eleanor L. Schmidt

To the Town Clerk:

The Town Meeting Warrant is returned herewith, in compliance with the instructions contained in both the Town By-Laws and this warrant.

Ernest M. Gay
Constable
December 4, 1971

A true copy,
Attest: Pauline C. Johnson
Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
held December 13, 1971

Moderator - Charles W. Jackson
Registered voters present — 48 (Quorum required - 25)
Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.

ARTICLE I. Voted to appropriate from available free cash in the treasury, the sum of $2,200.00 to the Police Department Account.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE II. Voted to appropriate from available free cash in the treasury, the sum of $5,000.00 to the Sewer Maintenance Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III. Voted that the school committee be authorized to use $7,000.00 of Public Law 874 Funds, in excess of the amount used as a credit in the determination of the 1971 school budget, said additional funds to be used for the following purposes:

Administration (Expenditures — itemized) $ 600.00
Operation & Maintenance (Expenditures — itemized)-$6,400.00

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IV. Voted to amend the article by deleting the word "quitclaim" where it appears in the article and inserting the word "release".

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen, Town of Belchertown, to sign, seal and deliver on behalf of the Town of Belchertown, a release deed running to Mill Hollow Realty Trust, a Massachusetts business trust, acting by and through its Turstees, Stanford J. Harrington and George B. Jackson, transferring and conveying to the Trust all of the Town's right, title and interest, including any right to foreclose the right of redemption by the former owners, in and to the following parcel of land of low value:

(1) The land described in deed of low value land recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1502, Page 599, and being further described in Book 1379, Page 469.

The above deed of low value land has been previously sold to Mill Hollow Realty Trust, and transferred by deed of the Town Treasurer of Belchertown by deed dated March 1, 1967, and was recorded on March 6, 1967, but which deed was not recorded within sixty (60) days after the date of the sale on August 20, 1965, at which time the Town was paid for the said land, this Vote being passed to authorize a release deed to attempt to correct the title defect.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE V. Voted to amend the article by deleting the word "quitclaim" where it appears in the article and inserting the word "release".

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen, Town of Belchertown, to sign, seal and deliver on behalf of the Town of Belchertown, a release deed running to Mill Hollow Realty Trust, a Massachusetts business trust, acting by and through its Trustees, Stanford J. Harrington and George B. Jackson, transferring and conveying to the Trust all of the Town's right, title and interest, including any right to foreclose the right of redemption by the former owners, in and to the following parcels of land of low value:

(1) The land described in deed of low value land recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1502, Page 597, and being further described in Book 1412, Page 498.

(2) The land described in deed of low value land recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1502, Page 598, and being further described in Book 1395, Page 302.

(3) The land described in deed of low value land recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1502, Page 600, and being further described in Book 1407, Page 388.

(4) The land described in deed of low value land recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1502, Page 601, and being further described in Book 1407, Page 389.

All of the above deeds of low value land having been previously sold to Mill Hollow Realty Trust, and transferred by deed of the Town Treasurer of Belchertown by deed dated March 1, 1967, and all of which were recorded on March 6, 1967, but which deeds were not recorded within sixty (60) days after the date of the sale on August 20, 1965, at which time the Town was paid for the said land, this vote being passed to authorize a release deed to attempt to correct the title defect.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VI. Voted to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District the following described land and including the same within the Business District:

Beginning at a point at an iron pin on the West side of Daniel Shays Highway bounded on the South by land of John and Gloria Conkey; thence proceeding north along Daniel Shays Highway 500' to iron pin on land of E.B. and S.J. Conkey; thence westerly 500' to an iron pin on land of E.B. and S.J. Conkey; thence south to an iron pin bounding land of J. and G. Conkey; thence easterly 500' to point of beginning at Daniel Shays Highway, consisting of 5 3/4 acres.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

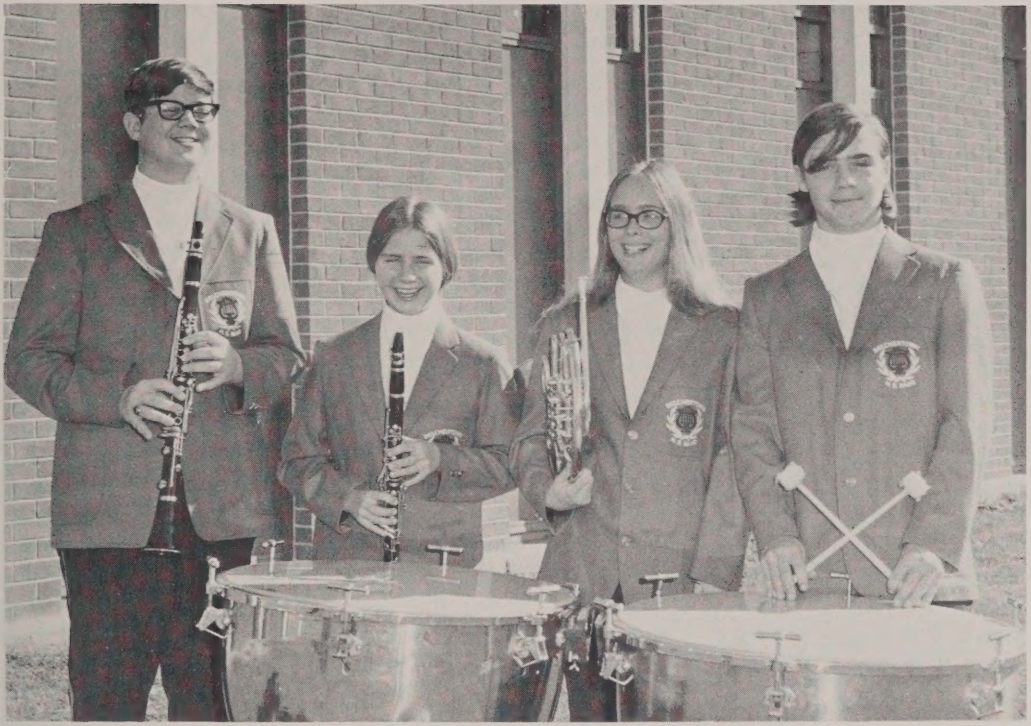
ARTICLE VII. Voted to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District the following described land and including the same within the Business District:

Beginning at a point at an iron pin on the west side of Daniel Shays Highway bounded on the north by land of Edward B. and Sylvia J. Conkey; thence proceeding south along Daniel Shays Highway 500' to iron pin on land of J. and G. Conkey; thence northwesterly 500' to an iron pin on land of J. and G. Conkey; thence north 140' to an iron pin bounding land of Edward B. and Sylvia J. Conkey; thence easterly 500' to point of beginning at Daniel Shays Highway, consisting of 3.5 acres.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:01 P.M.

A true copy
Attest: Pauline C. Johnson
Town Clerk



Selections for Western Mass. District Band and Orchestra from left to right: Jon Pinkos, Sandra Dorey, Carla Neggers, John Boudreau. Sandra Dorey was accepted to the All State Band

GENERAL INFORMATION
Annual Town Meeting

Elections	1st Monday in March
Appropriations	2nd Monday in March

Tax Rate	$48.00
General	18.65
School	29.35
	——
	48.00

School Population	205
Elementary	205
Junior High	396
Senior High	——
	1280

Assessed Valuation

	1970	1971	Increase
Real Estate	$18,342.140.00	$19,330,540.00	$988,400.00
Personal Property	1,372,815.00	1,693,775.00	320,960.00
	$19,714,955.00	$21,024,315.00	$1,309,360.00

U.S. Senators

Edward M. Kennedy
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Edward W. Brooke
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

U.S. Representative

Silvio Conte
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

State Senator

Philip A. Quinn
Spencer, Massachusetts

State Representatives

James R. Nolan
Ware, Massachusetts

John W. Olver
Amherst, Massachusetts

County Commissioners
Office—Court Building, Northampton, Massachusetts

John H. Breguet, Chairman
70 High Street
Haydenville, Massachusetts

Edward M. O'Brien
18 Dragon Circle
Easthampton, Massachusetts

David B. Musante
29 Forest Glen Drive
Florence, Massachusetts

County Officers

Judge of Probate & Insolvency
Hon. Harry Jekanowski

Register of Deeds
Robert F. Czelusniak

Register of Probate & Insolvency
Frank E. Tuit, II

Clerk of Courts
Salvatore A. Polito

Sheriff
John F. Boyle

District Attorney Northwestern District
John M. Callahan
64 Woodbridge Terrace
South Hadley, Massachusetts

County Treasurer
Howard A. Banner

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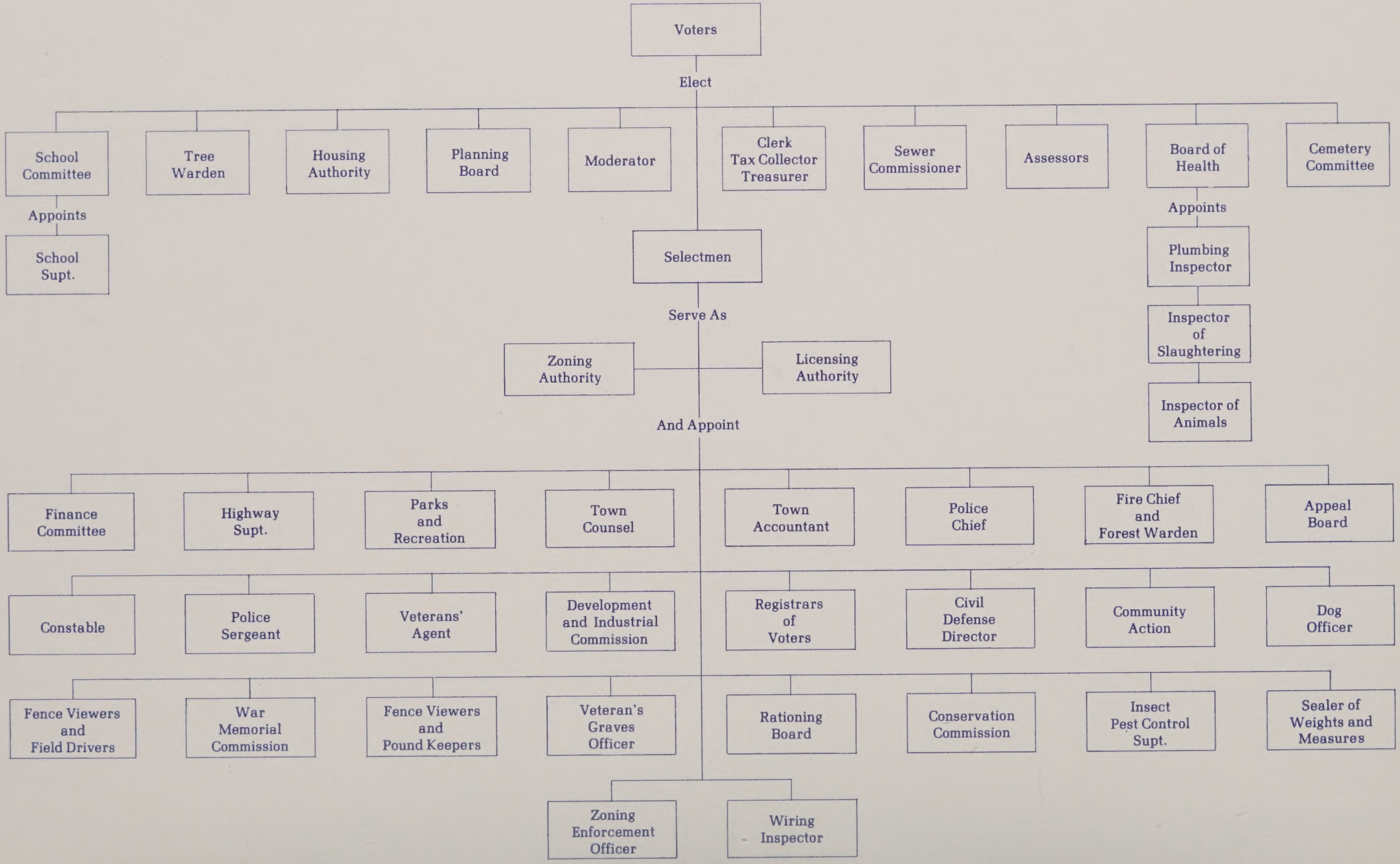

Voters
Elect
School Committee
Appoints
School Supt.
Tree Warden
Housing Authority
Planning Board
Moderator
Clerk Tax Collector Treasurer
Sewer Commissioner
Assessors
Board of Health
Appoints
Plumbing Inspector
Inspector of Slaughtering
Inspector of Animals
Cemetery Committee
Selectmen
Serve As
Zoning Authority
Licensing Authority
And Appoint
Finance Committee
Highway Supt.
Parks and Recreation
Town Counsel
Town Accountant
Police Chief
Fire Chief and Forest Warden
Appeal Board
Constable
Police Sergeant
Veterans' Agent
Development and Industrial Commission
Registrars of Voters
Civil Defense Director
Community Action
Dog Officer
Fence Viewers and Field Drivers
War Memorial Commission
Fence Viewers and Pound Keepers
Veteran's Graves Officer
Rationing Board
Conservation Commission
Insect Pest Control Supt.
Sealer of Weights and Measures
Zoning Enforcement Officer
Wiring Inspector

Annual Report of the Town of Belchertown Year ending December 31, 1972

First Lieutenant Michael P. Austin was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Austin of West Street, Belchertown.

He was born in Springfield, April 19, 1948. He graduated from Belchertown High School in 1966 and attended the University of Massachusetts where he studied engineering.

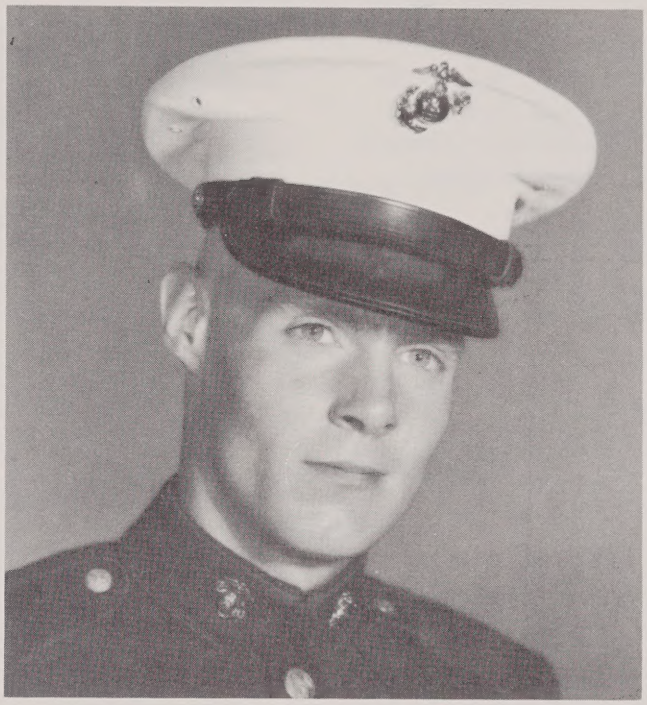
In 1969, Michael enlisted in the United States Army. He graduated in the top ten percent of his class from the Army Corps of Engineers School at Fort Belvior, Virginia.

After his military training he was transferred to South Vietnam in September 1970.

He was killed by enemy fire in action near Da Nang, South Vietnam in February 2, 1971. First Lieutenant Austin was security platoon leader in the U.S. Army Third Platoon, B, Co. 299th Engineer Battalion and was engaged in bridge building with his fellow engineers on National Route 21.

The permanent bridge was named and dedicated in his honor near Ban Me Thnot, South Vietnam.

First Lieutenant Austin was awarded the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, and the National Order of Vietnam, Fifth Class; posthumously.



Cpl. Roger C. Gaughan
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Samborski
of Federal St.

Born 1946 — Deceased 1967
Holyoke, Mass. — Republic of Vietnam

Member of St. Francis Church. Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. A graduate of Belchertown High School, was recipient of the American Legion Award. Manager of basketball team and played on the baseball team.

Enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1964 shortly after graduation. Upon completion of basic training, Pvt. Gaughan was transferred to Newport, Rhode Island as honor guard duty and promoted to rank of Pfc.

His Vietnam tour began in 1966 and the 20 year old Marine made two field promotions. Cpt. Gaughan was a member of the Third Battalion, Fifth Marine Regiment, First Marine Division.

Cpl. Gaughan, 20, died in Vietnam May 1967 when the helicopter crashed into the South China Sea, near Chu Lai, South Vietnam.

The awards were: Vietnam Service and Vietnam Campaign Medals and the National Defense Service Medal.

Town Officers 1972
Elected Officers

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Moderator	
Charles W. Jackson		1973
	Town Clerk	
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		1973
	Board of Selectmen	
Arthur J. Moriarty		1973
William H. Squires, Jr.		1973
Andrew T. Sears		1974
William Gerry Whitlock		1974
G. Parker Ketchen		1975
	Treasurer	
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		1973
	Tax & Town Collector	
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		1974
	School Committee	
Harold E. Mellin		1973
William M. Russell		1973
Richard D. Pratt		1974
Mrs. Dorothy A. Rhodes		1975
George A. Smith, Jr.		1975
	Planning Board	
John J. Sullivan, III		1973
Stanford J. Harrington		1974
Everett W. Plant		1975
Roy E. Cunningham		1976
Donald S. Cole		1977
Brian M. Nickerson (Administrative Assistant)		
	Cemetery Commissioner	
Roy P. Reece, Jr.		1973
Daniel W. MacPhee		1974
Edward L. Fuller		1975
	Board of Assessors	
Walter L. Papp		1973
Isaac A. Hodgen		1974
Samuel J. Joyal		1975
	Housing Authority	
Louis J. Austin		1973
Edmund F. Wallace		1973
Mrs. Edna H. Camp		1974
Arlan V. Skinner		1976
Kenneth W. Thayer		1977
James B. Baker		Resigned
	Tree Warden	
Albert W. Brown		1973
	Sewer Commissioners	
Harry L. Brougham		1973
A. Preston Atwood		1974
Peter A. Whittaker		1975
	Board of Health	
Miles J. Hubler		1973
Mrs. Charlotte P. Ketchen, R.N.		1974
James A. Bonafini, Sr.		1975
	Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District Committee Member	
David A. Staples		1975
	Almoners-Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds	
Mrs. Ruth B. Fuller		1973
Mrs. Sophia M. Pero		1973
	Trustee, Calvin Bridgman Fund	
D. Donald Hazen		1973
Mrs. Rachel G. Shumway		1974
George A. Poole		1975

Appointed Officers

	Town Accountant	
Mrs. Deborah A. Downing		7/31/74
Mrs. Christine B. Harper, Assistant Town Accountant		Resigned
	Assistant Town Clerk	
Mrs. Margaret S. Kirby		1973
	Assistant Town Treasurer	
Mrs. Margaret S. Kirby		1973
	Deputy Collector	
Mrs. Margaret S. Kirby (office)		1973
Norman C. Jeffrey		1973
	Finance Committee	
David G. Hodgen		1973
Donald C. McKenney		1974
Donald R. Laporte		Resigned
Bernard F. Wilks, Jr.		1974
Edward H. Gates		1975
Kenneth H. Snow		1975
Alton B. Hull		Deceased
	Town Counsel	
Stephen B. Monsein, Attorney		1973
	Chief of Police	
Ernest M. Gay		1973
	Constable	
Ernest M. Gay		1973
Elmer M. Potter		1973
	Fire Chief and Forest Warden	
Louis E. Fuller		1973
	Superintendent of Streets	
Albert L. LePage		1973
	Inspector of Wiring	
Walter J. Henry		1973
	Special Constable	
Norman C. Jeffrey		1973
	Dog Officer	
Wallace F. Chevalier		1973
Richard M. Kimball, Assistant		1973
	Superintendent of Insect Pest Control	
Albert W. Brown		1973
	Veterans Services Agent	
Earl F. Henrichon		1973
	Sealer of Weights & Measures	
Royal K. Gay		1973

Zoning By-Law Enforcement Officer

Henry Bleau	1973

Veterans' Graves Officer

Milton A. Butler	1973

Registrars of Voters

Mrs. M. Rose Sorrell	1973
Mrs. Ethel H. Hawkins	1974
Mrs. Mary T. Carr	1975

Board of Appeals

Donald Perham	Resigned
Walter J. Carmody	1974
David L. Sussman	1974
Patrick D. Kamins	1975
Frank E. Farrington, Jr. (Associate Member)	1975
Thomas A. Weber (Associate Member)	Resigned

Fence Viewer and Field Driver

Bernard H. Beauregard	Resigned
Francis J. LaValle, Jr.	1973

Fence Viewer and Pound Keeper

Bernard H. Beauregard	Resigned
Francis J. LaValle, Jr.	1973

Civil Defense Director

Robert H. Phoenix	1973

Radio Officer

Philip Carpenter	1973

Radio Operator

Philip Depot	1973
Roy M. Nonnemaker	1973

Parks, Beach and Recreation

Peter S. Wisnewski	1973
Marjorie Rege	1973
Elinor J. Tolpa	Resigned
Walter E. Savage	Resigned
Richard K. Cook	1973

War Memorial Committee

William H. Squires, Jr.	1973
Roy F. Whidden	1973
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	1974
Mrs. Alice Samborski	1974
Isaac A. Hodgen	1975
Frederick E. Lincoln	1975

Rationing Board

Arthur J. Moriarty	1973
Andrew T. Sears	1973
William H. Squires, Jr.	1973

Public Weighers

Joseph W. Tolpa, Jr.	1973
Joseph W. Tolpa, Sr.	1973

Hampshire County Community Action Committee

Ronald F. Machado	1973

Development and Industrial Committee

Peter S. Galuszka	1973
Channing Kimball	1973
Patrick D. Kamins	1974
William H. Squires, Jr.	1974
Ruthella M. Tucker	1975

Conservation Commission

Arthur Davenport	1973
Kenneth W. Rhodes	1973
Mrs. Barbara E. Sullivan	1974
Leslie A. Campbell	1974
Andrew J. Sears	1974
Sherman L. Gould	1975
Louis B. LaFromboise	1975

Consultants

Albert J. Brighenti	1973
Albert W. Brown	1973

Overall Economic Development Program

Andrew T. Sears	
William H. Squires, Jr.	
Lloyd C. Chadbourne	
Thomas H. Fuller	Resigned
Ruthella M. Tucker	

Select Committee on Goals

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	Final Report
Thomas H. Fuller	Final Report
Blake S. Jackson	Final Report
Mrs. Roseanne Nulman	Final Report
Mrs. Claire Rieff	Final Report
Mrs. Claire Sussman	Resigned
Thomas J. Wolff	Final Report
Mrs. Linda Hanscom	Final Report

Citizens Advisory Committee

Valmore G. Beaudry	Final Report
Mrs. Bonnie Blake Drucker	Final Report
Mrs. Denise Humiston	Final Report
Stephen S. Lanphear	Final Report
Peter A. Nelson	Final Report
Mrs. Sophia M. Pero	Final Report
Henry Renouf	Final Report
Mrs. Doris Stockton	Final Report
Thomas A. Weber	Final Report

Municipal Building & Site Study Committee

Mrs. Shirley A. Dorey	1973
Charles W. Jackson	1973
George B. Jackson	1973
Harold E. Mellin, Jr.	1973
Eleanor L. Schmidt	1973

Police Officers

Chief

Ernest M. Gay	1973

Sergeant

Randolph H. Brown	1973
Elmer M. Potter	1973
Merton L. Pratt	1973

Officers

Julius J. Matusko	1973
Edward S. Czech	1973
Lester M. Beaudoin	1973
Raymond E. Breton	1973
Alexander M. Cochrane	1973
David A. Conkey	1973
Elmer M. Potter	1973
James S. Tucker	1973
George E. Deering III	1973
Philip N. Vanasse	1973

Patricia Antonovitch	1973
Ernest M. Gay, Jr.	1973
Richard J. Harper	1973
Richard W. Besse	1973
Robert G. Wiley	1973
Herbert E. Squires	1973
William Zobka	1973

Special Police—School Traffic

Lillian C. Austin	1973
James R. Lodge	1973
Patricia W. Antonovitch	1973

All other Specials

A. Preston Atwood	1973
Ralph Goodreau	1973
Henry L. Lloyd	1973
Ronald F. Zobka	1973
Wallace Chevalier	1973

Board of Health Appointments

Report Clerk

Mrs. Doris S. Squires	1973

Agent Sanitarian

John A. Brickett	1973

Inspector of Animals

Louis J. Austin	1973

Inspector of Plumbing

Edward F. Czupkiewicz	1973

Special Agent at Belchertown State School

Aran Kasparyan, M.D.	1973

Advisor to Board

Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.	1973

Selectmen's Report

The Board of Selectmen concerned itself in 1972 with a great variety of issues. Many were routine but required time and a place on our meeting agenda. A large number were of major significance and required much discussion and listening before final action.

The Board continued its policy of regular meetings once a week on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office at Lawrence Memorial Hall. In addition to the regular meetings the Board also met several other nights and during the day to complete its various tasks.

The following report is an attempt to highlight or to call to the attention of the citizens some of the most interesting occurrences during the year, and what new plans we have for the future.

The Board of Selectmen welcomed its two new members in 1972: Mr. G. Parker Ketchen and Mr. Andrew T. Sears.

We organized the Board as follows at our first meeting and then subdivided the members to act as liaisons to the various departments. This procedure has been in effect for several years and has really been most helpful in keeping the Board up-to-date:

Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Chairman

William H. Squires, Jr., Vice Chairman, Highway Liaison

Andrew T. Sears, Highway Liaison, Annual Town Report

G. Parker Ketchen, Police Department Liaison

Arthur J. Moriarty, Clerk, Parks, Beach and Recreation Liaison

The Board met with the various Town Committees appointed by the Board and the elected officials to discuss matters of mutal interest; this was an attempt to coordinate our efforts and to come up with some difinite recommendations to improve the Town. These meetings are probably one of the most important factors and should be continued so that we might all work as a united group in the best interest of Belchertown.

Important Highlights of the Year

The Town received its new Ambulance thanks to the funds given to the Town by the Police Association and matched by a State grant obtained by the Selectmen. The cost of the Ambulance added nothing to the tax rolls.

Various new sums of money were returned to the Town through legislation. These new sources of revenue were passed in the Legislature due to the combined efforts of the various Boards and such organizations as the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association and the League of Cities and Towns. The following is a list of those new sources:

1) a $0.01 increase in the gasoline tax, which money was returned to the Cities and Towns. Belchertown received $79,920.50;

2) The State Lottery, from which Belchertown received $29,143.50;

3) Federal Revenue Sharing became a reality after a long hard battle; in a sense, the Federal Government is returning to the local communities the right to govern themselves without Federal interference. Belchertown will receive $90,820.00 for the first year, and this sum will be duplicated over the next five calendar years. The main items for spending the funds are as follows:

a. Public Safety
b. Environmental Action
c. Public Transportation
d. Health
e. Recreation
f. Financial Administration

Many of these items will appear in the budget for 1973; this money will help to reduce the tax burden.

We have applied for money under the Highway Safety Acts, of which one million dollars is alloted to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Belchertown is one of the first Towns to receive these grants:

1) Hamilton Street Railroad crossing and lights, along with site improvement and sundry work, has been approved for $12,200.00.

2) Jackson Street Railroad crossing and lights,

along with extensive roadwork, has been approved for $30,000.00.

We have received tentative approval for the following projects:

1) Springfield Road Railroad crossing, to be done in 1973, will cost approximately $14,000.00

2) Bardwell Street Railroad crossing, to be done in 1973, will cost approximately $14,000.00

3) The Three Rivers underpass will be made into a Railroad grade crossing; the plans and estimates submitted to the Department of Public Works comes to $38,000.00

4) The Dry Bridge on Route 181, which has been filed with the Department of Public Works, has been approved for a work order by the District #2 Office in Northampton; it has been forwarded to Boston for similar approval; there is no estimate of the cost as yet.

The Board has formed a Municipal Building Site and Study Committee for the purpose of looking into additional office space for the various Town offices. In addition, they were to give their opinion and suggestions for a site location for a new municipal highway garage. The Board of Selectmen presented the Committee with a site at the Belchertown State School at the foot of Jackson Street, consisting of approximately 21 acres. The Committee approved the site, pending approval of the State Legislature, for the School to give this land to the Town of Belchertown. The Selectmen have received the approval of the State Landuse Committee, the Department of Mental Health, and the Superintendent of the State School, and have filed a bill before the legislature, House Bill Number 4543. The Board has appeared before the legislative committee along with the Department of Mental Health; we are now awaiting approval of the legislative Committee; the land will cost the Town of Belchertown $1.00.

Due to salt pollution from our own salt and sand storage area on Jabish Street, as we stated last year, we plan to move to a new location. We are now storing our salt and sand on land owned by the Department of Mental Health, thanks to the staff at Belchertown State School.

The Selectmen secured several positions under the Emergency Employment Act for the Town:

1) a full-time man at the Belchertown State School Sewer Treatment plant

2) a summer recreation worker

3) a truck driver

4) a secretary

All these positions come at no cost to the Town.

The Fiscal Cycle Bill has become law, and this year we will be working on an 18 month budget, which has caused a great deal of concern in the budget for 1973 and the first six months of 1974. However, in the long run, this will mean that all the Cities and Towns will be on the same fiscal year as the State and Federal governments.

The Town has applied to have the State Department of Public Works resurface Main Street, and has been assured by the District #2 Office that this will be completed in 1973.

Bay Road, which has been under constuction for the last three years, is slated for completion from the

Left to right: G. Parker Ketchen, William Gerry Whitlock, Andrew T. Sears, William H. Squires, Jr.—Board of Selectmen. Missing from the picture is Selectmen Arthur J. Moriarty.

Amherst Town line to the intersection of Lampson and Bay Roads. The Selectmen are now meeting with the various abuttors to clear the next section, which will run to Stebbins Street.

Our Sanitary Landfill area continues to plague the Board, and we are in the process of hiring Huntley Associates to set up a Sanitary Landfill program that will meet the State standards. We have met with the State, and, at their request, in order that they might help us proceed on the right tract, we have found that the Landfill area will cost in the vicinity of $17,000.00 for 1973. We are also working with the Belchertown State School and the State Water Pollution Control Board at the University of Massachusetts in updating the Sewer Treatment Plant at the School, which is State owned. Much work was done on the plant this summer and, at last testing, it has a zero reading. Several new projects have been programmed for the coming year. The Town has given the Sewer Commissioners an extra $10,000.00 for the past two years to treat the lines for infiltration of water; this is proving very successful.

As we have stated in past reports, Belchertown's growth should start to increase in the very near future. This increase is now taking place, as nearly 75 single family dwellings were built in Town during the past year. This includes several subdivisions; in addition, there are approximately 300 apartment unit permits outstanding. The Planning Board should be cited for the immediate change in the lot sizes and for tightening up the site subdivision law.

A moratorium was placed on multiple family dwellings and trailer parks by the action of a Special Town Meeting. In addition, the Board of Appeals has become very active and has been required to report on several changes which they have presided over.

The Conservation Commission did an excellent job in acquiring funds from the Ford Foundation in order that the Town might do a complete Soil Survey of the entire community. A job well done.

The Town voted to have the Moderator establish two new committees to further study the needs of the Town, the Select Committee on Goals and the Citizens Advisory Committee. These committees should be of great value to the Planning Board by helping the Town reach the ultimate goal of a master plan.

In closing, we have tried to cite some of the year's activities. We hope that we will continue to receive the support of the residents of Belchertown, and that you will join the various organizations to help us achieve our goals. Citizen input is essential; unless the townspeople become involved it will become harder and harder for the Town officials to weigh the many decisions that must be made. In addition, the Town should investigate the Charter form of government; it is our hope to enact a committee this coming year for this purpose.

We would like to thank all of those who have worked for our community during 1972, and we hope that you will continue to work for the future of Belchertown in the years to come.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Board of Selectmen
Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Chairman
William H. Squires, Jr.
Andrew T. Sears
G. Parker Ketchen
Arthur J. Moriarty

Left to right: Mr. Aubrey D. LaPolice being presented Good Citizen's Award by Board of Selectmen, Chairman William Gerry Whitlock.

Left to right: Charles W. Jackson, Moderator being honored by presentation of gavel for services to the Town by William Gerry Whitlock, Chairman, Board of Selectmen.

Town Accountant

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1972.

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE		
TAXES		
Local		
Current:		
Personal Property	$ 76,770.61	
Real Estate	921,141.23	
Prior:		
Personal Property	1,036.80	
Real Estate	44,779.16	
Tax Title Redemptions	3,432.25	
Farm Animal Excise		
Current	1,093.85	
Prior	105.00	
Lieu Taxes	20,740.23	
State-Local Aid Fund		
Valuation Basis	6,121.76	
Machinery Basis	2,241.49	
School Aid Chapter 70	384,535.35	
School Aid Chapters 69/71	30,326.00	
		$1,492,323.62
LICENSES AND PERMITS		
Alcoholic Beverage	860.00	
Other	2,510.80	
		3,370.80
FINES AND FORFEITS		935.00
GRANTS AND GIFTS		
Federal		
Health	17.67	
School		
Public Law 864-Title III	4,036.01	
Public Law 874	12,461.00	
Food Service-Head Start	319.21	
Public Law 91-230 Title VIB	8,175.00	
		25,008.89
State		
School		
Transportation	69,991.42	
Vocational Education	7,743.00	
Food Service	21,216.40	
Adult Education	420.00	
Building Assistance	34,666.77	
Disadvantaged	7,230.00	
E.S.E.A. Title II-Library Extension	1,845.72	
Highways		
Chapter 81	43,017.60	
Chapter 768	22,906.81	
Library	2,226.00	
Gasoline Tax	106,714.75	
State Lottery	29,143.54	
		347,122.01
County		
Dog Fund		486.94
Gifts from Individuals		6,065.00
ALL OTHER GENERAL REVENUE		
Other		75.12
COMMERCIAL REVENUE		
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		
Sewer - Connection Fees		600.00
PRIVILEGES		
Motor Vehicle Excise		
Current	67,742.58	
Prior	25,962.24	
Trailer Taxes	2,676.00	
Pole Locations	128.00	
		96,508.82
DEPARTMENTAL		
General Government		
Collector	679.00	
Town Clerk	2,010.16	
Planning Board	40.00	
Board of Appeals	170.00	
		2,899.16
Public Safety		
Police Department	1,254.15	
Fire Department	1.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measurers	179.80	
		1,434.95
Health, Sanitation and Hospitals		
Sewer Rentals		
Current	6,720.99	
Prior	882.30	
Refuse Collection and Disposal	45.00	
		7,648.29

Highways		
General	151.35	
Chapter 90	27,532.51	
Snow and Sanding	1,949.80	
Road Machinery Earnings	2,267.21	
		31,900.87
Veterans' Services		
Reimbursement for Relief		16,051.36
Schools		
Tuition and Transportation of State Wards	6,046.11	
Transportation	2,522.00	
Sale of Textbooks and Supplies	556.42	
Miscellaneous		
Rent of Facilities	270.00	
Food Service (Sale of Lunches)	35,805.13	
Athletic Accounts	1,567.00	
Fire Loss Insurance	209.65	
Insurance Claim on Flute	169.95	
Industrial Arts	359.32	
		47,586.58
Unclassified		
Rental of Municipal Property	461.00	
Property Damage	174.65	
		635.65
CEMETERIES		
Sale of Lots and Graves	450.00	
Miscellaneous	1,160.00	
		1,610.00
INTEREST		
Deposits	3,445.11	
Taxes and Assessments	3,365.59	
Motor Vehicle Excise	165.65	
Public Trust Funds		
Public Assistance	2,953.13	
Cemetery	1,585.92	
Dividend on Life Insurance	305.48	
		11,830.87
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		
Anticipation of Revenue Loans		600,000.00
AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT		
Sporting Licenses	3,788.25	
Dog Licenses	2,827.90	
Payroll Deductions		
Federal Withholding Tax	134,450.50	
State Withholding Tax	39,194.80	
Group Insurance (Health & Life)	21,810.50	
Retirement	10,763.36	
Perpetual Care Funds	629.30	
Other Public Trust Funds	60.50	
Investment Fund Securities	8,000.00	
		221,525.11
REFUNDS		
General Departments		
General Government	445.63	
Public Safety	16.90	
Health and Sanitation	223.75	
Highways	1,571.16	
Veterans' Benefits	1,040.00	
Schools	234.32	
Pensions	21,780.70	
Unclassified	971.43	
All Other	937.71	
		27,221.60

TOTAL RECEIPTS	$2,942,840.64
CASH CARRIED FORWARD DECEMBER 31, 1971	259,533.30
GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH FORWARD FROM 1971	$3,202,373.94

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Moderator		
Expenses:		
Dues	$ 15.00	
		$ 15.00
Selectmen, Salaries		4,053.78
Expenses:		
Office expenses	110.59	
Assoc. dues & Meetings	1,158.19	
Telephone	853.30	
Mileage	238.00	
Postage	169.85	
Advertising	337.24	
Other	43.76	
		2,910.93
Town Accountant & Administrative Sec., Salary		6,300.00
Expenses:		
Clerical wages	1,225.88	

Desk	292.81	
Assoc. dues & meetings	589.05	
Office expenses	412.22	
Mileage	9.00	
Other	10.83	
	————	
		2,539.79
Treasurer, Salary		3,192.66
Expenses:		
Clerical wages	4,033.26	
Bonds	247.00	
Postage	583.00	
Assoc. dues	10.00	
Office expenses	165.34	
Mileage & meetings	29.06	
Repairs & maintenance	183.10	
Recording fees	65.00	
	————	
		5,315.76
Collector, Salary		3,396.33
Expenses:		
Clerical wages	3,713.00	
Bonds	620.00	
Assoc. dues	10.00	
Postage	355.00	
Office expenses	513.98	
Advertising	117.69	
Telephone	51.63	
Other	2,80	
	————	
		5,384.10
Assessors, Salaries		1,600.00
Expenses:		
Clerical wages	6,204.15	
Maintaining valuation wages	3,850.71	
Mileage, meetings & assoc. dues	482.44	
Telephone	262.24	
Office expenses	757.99	
Transfers & deeds	249.75	
	————	
		11,807.28
Finance Committee		
Expenses:		
Wages	20.00	
Assoc, dues & meetings	149.70	
	————	
		169.70
Town Clerk, Salary		1,596.33
Expenses:		
Clerical wages	992.03	

Bonds & dues	32.00	
Travel & meetings	5.00	
Office expenses	249.44	
Box rent & postage	107.20	
Telephone	260.97	
Advertising	51.75	
Books	149.45	
	————	
		1,847.84
Law Account		
Retainer fee	1,634.67	
Law Books	218,50	
Other law	828.00	
Advertising	20.25	
Recording of deeds	10.00	
	————	
		2,711.42
Special Law Account		
Fees	700.56	
	————	
		700.56
Election & Registration		
Clerical wages	921.57	
All other wages	3,617.89	
Street listing	1,124.35	
Office supplies	107.02	
Posting warrants	40.80	
Printing	556.50	
Mileage	16.54	
Clerk of Registrars	100.00	
Other	204.13	
	————	
		6,688.80
Planning Board		
Clerical wages	1,416.40	
Assoc. dues	55.00	
Mileage & travel expenses	16.94	
Professional services	4,292.00	
Office expenses	313.24	
Advertising	217.70	
Telephone	50.81	
	————	
		6,362.09
Board of Appeals		
Postage	16.00	
Advertising	68.81	
Dues	15.00	
	————	
		99.81
Zoning By-Law Officer, Salary		400.00
Expenses:		

Mileage	145.00	
Office expenses	4.45	
	————	
		149.45
Conservation Commission		
Assoc. dues	25.00	
Postage	7.30	
	————	
		32.30
Aquatic Nuisance Control		392.50
Lawrence Memorial Hall		
Wages	851.20	
Care of grounds	100.10	
Utilities	601.11	
Supplies & fixtures	397.59	
Floor	36.00	
Painting	160.65	
Remodeling	405.40	
Other	125.32	
	————	
		2,677.37
Town Garage		
Equipment	1,013.89	
Utilities	752.32	
Repairs & supplies	503.69	
	————	
		2,269.90
Municipal Building Site and Study Committee Renovation Plans-Lawrence Memorial Hall		150.00
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Police Department		
Chief's Salary	8,900.00	
Paid holidays	344.00	
Expenses:		
Officer's wages	31,318.95	
Mileage, dues & other	173.77	
Gas, oil & tires	3,858.48	
Maintenance of vehicles	2,367.17	
Printing signs	31.20	
Equip., badges & uniforms	1,459.62	
Telephone	1,520.51	
Legal fees	2,185.00	
Office expenses	653.60	
	————	
		52,812.30
Ambulance		
Cost	11,800.00	
Equiping	1,301.26	
	————	
		13,101.26
Radio		825.00

Cruiser		
Cost	3,098.63	
Insurance for damage on cruiser	358.15	
	————	
		3,456.78
Fire Department		
New Radio	970.00	
Subscriptions & assoc. dues	35.00	
Freight	35.74	
Gas & oil	55.40	
Utilities	1,302.27	
Snow removal	90.00	
Repairs & replacements	1,062.86	
Supplies & equipment	2,129.77	
Wages & hired equipment	1,102.00	
	————	
		6,783.04
Forest Fire		
Chief's Salary	600.00	
Wages	462.00	
Expenses	35.98	
	————	
		1,097.98
Hydrant Service		4,000.00
Insect Pest Control		
Hired equipment	970.50	
Materials & chemicals	147.95	
Wages	29.75	
	————	
		1,148.20
Dutch Elm Disease		
Wages	1,347.25	
Hired equipment	847.00	
Assoc, dues	5.40	
	————	
		2,199.65
Tree Warden		
Wages	1,509.50	
Hired equipment	736.00	
Trees	300.00	
Meetings & dues	17.00	
Materials & supplies	13.15	
	————	
		2,575.65
Wiring Inspector		
Salary	400.00	
Expense	64.84	
	————	
		464.84

Sealing Weights & Measures		
Salary	300.00	
Expenses	74.95	
	— — — —	
		374.95
Dog Officer Fees		
Care & custody	2,220.00	
Destroying dogs	222.00	
	— — — —	
		2,442.00
Dog Officer Expense		
Excavation	44.00	
Expenses	279.20	
	— — — —	
		323.20
Civil Defense		
Salary	350.00	
Expenses	328.94	
	— — — —	
		678.94

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health, Salary		350.00
Expenses:		
Clerk of Infectious Disease	75.00	
Animal Inspector	400.00	
Plumbing Inspector	300.00	
Sanitarian wages	670.00	
Sanitarian expenses	350.00	
Pest control	110.00	
Clinics	1,501.76	
Office expenses	63.80	
Mileage & other	497.30	
	— — — —	
		3,967.86
Sewer Commissioners, Salaries		650.00
Sewer Maintenance		
Wages	1,947.25	
Hired equipment	536.00	
Materials	340.69	
Supplies	109.44	
Mowing	97.50	
Sewer engineering	102.14	
kSewer sealing	6,846.00	
1971 bill	27,390.67	
1972 bill	13,316.85	
Sewer engineering-South Belchertown	180.00	
	— — — —	
		50,866.54
Town Dump		
Wages	5,778.96	
Bulldozing	6,469.00	
Materials	626.27	
Hired equipment	858.50	
Supplies	51.30	
Utilities	17.50	
Tool shed supplies	3.45	
Other	3.35	
	— — — —	
		13,808.33

HIGHWAYS

Chapter 81		
Wages	17,061.90	
Hired wages & equipment	803.25	
Materials	15,197.87	
	— — — —	
		33,063.02
Chapter 90 Construction (Bay Road)		
Wages	4,087.17	
Hired equipment	6,297.00	
Materials	13,805.10	
Town Equipment	694.25	
	— — — —	
		24,883.52
Chapter 90 Maintenance		
Wages	6,426.90	
Town equipment	1,367.83	
Hired equipment	221.60	
Materials	10,133.79	
	— — — —	
		18,150.12
General		
Wages	8,115.69	
Hired wages & equipment	524.75	
Materials	933.53	
Signs	1,009.25	
Rubbish removal	280.00	
Supplies & repairs	2,667.16	
Garage	825.00	
Paint	255.00	
	— — — —	
		14,610.38
Sick Leave Pay		2,287.80
Vacation Pay		2,435.20
Streets		
Wages	6,527.93	
Materials	4,256.42	
Hired equipment	519.50	
Hired wages	596.50	
Field survey	100.40	
	— — — —	
		12,000.75

Winter Employment		
Wages		7,482.88
Brushcutting		
Wages	1,250.25	
Hired equipment	1,219.50	
Materials	28.80	
	————	
		2,498.55
Bridges		
Wages	279.63	
Hired equipment	144.00	
Materials	3,011.49	
	————	
		3,435.12
Mowing		1,496.25
Snow Removal		
Wages	12,699.92	
Hired equipment	11,764.00	
Salt & sand	12,833.11	
Cutting edges	595.92	
Supplies & materials	77.80	
	————	
		37,970.75
Road Machinery Expense		
Diesel fuel	667.63	
Diesel tax	204.82	
Repairs & maintenance of vehicles	5,682.92	
Gas & oil	3,847.89	
Equipment & materials	2,225.62	
Licenses	3.00	
	————	
		12,631.88
Dump Truck		
Cost	10,649.05	
Equiping	650.00	
	————	
		11,299.05
Snow Plow		945.00
Preliminary Road Layout		745.78
Street Lighting		10,583.91

VETERAN'S DEPARTMENT

Veterans' Agent		
Salary	950.00	
Wages	347.15	
Postage	24.50	
	————	
		1,321.65
Veterans' Benefits		
Ordinary Benefits	13,610.52	
Heat	2,609.61	
Hospital	1,217.54	
Medication	1,180.45	
Nurses & Doctors	747.54	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	112.08	
Eyeglasses	57.00	
Other	127.00	
	————	
		19,661.74

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

General Control (1000-Out-of-State travel of $200.00 included)		34,134.83
Instruction (2000-Out-of-State travel of $200.00 included)		753,368.57
Instruction (2000) Out-of-State Travel		12.44
Other School Services (3000)		134,594.22
Operation & Maintenance (4000)		142,927.52
Fixed Assets (7000)		4,398.22
Programs with other schools (9000)		41,931.38

(For breakdown see Classification of School expenditures, 1972 in Superintendent's Report)

Public Law 91-230 Title VI B		4,270.87
E.S.E.A. Title I (1972)		7,095.62
E.S.E.A. Title II (1972)		1,835.63
High School Athletic		1,493.27
School Lunch Program		
Wages	18,204.37	
Food	34,167.78	
Other expenses	7,079.75	
	————	
		59,451.90
Fire Damage, Jr.-Sr. High School		290.65
Lost and Damaged Book Fund		29.02
Clapp Memorial Library		
Wages	4,471.39	
Mileage	30.60	
Supplies	338.48	
Insurance	571.00	
Utilities	958.78	
Books & periodicals	1,782.12	
Care of grounds	124.00	
Repairs	230.00	
	————	
		8,506.37

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Parks, Beach & Recreation

Wages	4,655.95	
Care of grounds	555.00	
Equipment, repairs, replacement	690.67	
Utilities	1,684.92	
Supplies	26.40	
Hired equipment	45.00	
Registration	56.00	
Other	1,790.90	
	————	
		9,504.84
Unclassified Account		
Advertising	66.78	
Photographs	30.00	
Paper for copy machine	817.53	
Certification fees	21.00	
Legal fees	5.00	
Other	20.48	
	————	
		960.79
Ritter Water-line Installation		325.00
Surveying & Other Costs-State Land		575.70
Printing Town Reports		2,058.35
Unpaid Bills of 1971		2,407.57
Patriotic Exercises		215.40
Rental of American Legion Hall		300.00
Insurance Account		26,881.97
Town Clock		300.00
Pathfinder Assessment		21,495.20
Voting Booths		613.80
Renovation, Old Town Hall (Plans)		500.00
Town Common		889.35
CEMETERIES		
Cemetery Commissioners, Salaries		600.00
Expenses:		
Wages	965.72	
Snow removal	360.00	
Open & close	724.00	
Raking & mowing	3,522.45	
Advertising	5.25	
Repair & replace	240.90	
Supplies & equipment	130.22	
Hired equipment	270.00	
	————	
		6,218.54

Veterans' Graves		160.00
INTEREST & MATURING DEBT		
Interest:		
1949 Sewer Loan	75.00	
1952 School Loan	399.00	
1963 School Loan	16,740.00	
Anticipation of Revenue	7,196.57	
	————	
		24,410.57
Maturing Debt:		
1949 Sewer Loan	1,000.00	
1952 School Loan	19,000.00	
1963 School Loan	45,000.00	
Anticipation of Revenue	600,000.00	
	————	
		665,000.00
TOWN APPROPRIATIONS		
Pensions		20,773.50
Blue Cross-Blue Shield		16,538.96
Group Life Insurance		1,015.26
PETTY CASH		
Advances-School Department		335.00
TRUST FUNDS		
Cemetery Perpetual Care-Bequests		670.00
Susan M.D. Bridgman Income		766.00
Nellie E. Brown		9.30
Cemetery Perpetual Care Income		3,119.39
AGENCY		
Sporting Licenses		4,061.25
Dog Licenses		2,833.20
State Recreation Areas		8,788.91
County Tax		46,016.30
State Assessment System		237.44
Motor Vehicle Excise bills		532.35
County Hospital Assessment		4,855.78
Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission		558.48
Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution District		387.82
Audit of Municipal Accounts		2,405.06
OVERPAYMENT TO TREASURER		26.00
DUE TOWN OF GRANBY		6,491.29
PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS		
Federal withholding taxes		134,250.00
Retirement		32,427.05
State withholding taxes		38,682.75
Blue Cross-Blue Shield-employees		16,795.33
Blue Cross-Blue Shield-pensioners		1,090.86

Blue Cross-Blue Shield-O.M.E.	1,365.72
Group life insurance	1,194.50
Cancer Care	1,645.20
REFUNDS	
Current year (1972):	
Real Estate	10,628.00
Motor Vehicle excise	2,433.10
Previous years:	
Real Estate	3,104.00
Motor Vehicle	1,159.50
Cancer Care	10.00
Teachers' Retirement	37.75
SURPLUS REVENUE	
Retroactive pay for teachers	10,399.51
	— — — — —
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,785,595.72
CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1972	416,778.22
	— — — — —
GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS AND CASH FORWARD FROM 1971	$ 3,202,373.94
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Left to right: Mrs. Ruth L. Breindel and Mrs. Deborah A. Downing—Town Accountant, Administrative Secretary.

DEBT ACCOUNT - 1972

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 12/31/71	Paid in 1972	Outstanding 12/31/72	Due in 1973
Sewer Construction	1949	2.5	$ 3,000.00	$ 1,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 1,000.00
New Jr.-Sr. High School Loan	1963	3.1	540,000.00	45,000.00	495,000.00	45,000.00

DEBT STATEMENT - 1972

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:	
Inside the Debt Limit	$ 2,000.00
Outside the Debt Limit	495,000.00
	— — — — —
	$497,000.00

Serial Loans	
Inside the Debt Limit-Sewer Construction Loan	$ 2,000.00
Outside the Debt Limit-School Building Loan	495,000.00
	— — — — —
	$497,000.00

To the Board of Selectmen
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Belchertown for the period from June 1, 1968 to November 30, 1971, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Walter F. Abel, Assistant Chief of Bureau.

Very truly yours,
Gordon A. McGill
Director of Accounts

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
Balance Sheet - November 30, 1971
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		
Cash:		
General	$238,021.67	
Advances for Petty:		
School	150.00	
		$238,171.67
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levyy of 1969:		
Personal Property		312.80
Levy of 1970:		
Personal Property	645.60	
Real Estate	12,314.00	
		12,959.60
Levy of 1971:		
Personal Property	3,820.80	
Real Estate	70,142.04	
		73,962.84
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1969	1,177.38	
Levy of 1970	3,292.57	
Levy of 1971	13,979.64	
		18,449.59
Farm Excise:		
Levy of 1971		192.00
Special Assessments		
Sewer:		
Rentals 1970	35.01	
Rentals 1971	895.60	
		930.61
Tax Titles and Possessions:		
Tax Titles	7,402.58	
Tax Possessions	2,119.19	
		9,521.77

Liabilities and Reserves		
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes	$4,275.70	
State Taxes	4,073.75	
County Retirement System	1,154.05	
		$9,503.50
Agency:		
State-Sporting Licenses	144.00	
County-Dog Licenses	1,105.20	
Town of Granby - Welfare District	3,064.65	
		4,313.85
Gifts and Bequests:		
Parsons Field - New Field House	583.53	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	260.00	
		843.53
Trust Fund Income:		
Susan M.D. Bridgman Charity	9,991.90	
Calvin Bridgman High School	2.88	
		9,994.78
Invested Funds:		
To be Invested:		
Conservation Fund		600.00
Old Age Assistance Recovery		3,426.64
Federal Grants:		
School:		
Public Law #81-874:		
Education	11,873.92	
Public Law #85-864		
National Defense Education	1,928.59	
Public Law #88-210:		
Elementary and Secondary	6.62	

Departmental:		
Highway Miscellaneous	57.50	
Veterans' Services	15,966.16	
		16,023.66
Aid to Highways:		
State	56,875.00	
County	17,000.00	
		73,875.00
Due from County - Dog Officer Fees		1,760.00
Appropriation Due from State Highway Fund: Chapter 768, Acts of 1969		6,140.56
Estimated Receipts to be Collected		132,958.62
Loans Authorized: Assessors' Maps		18,000.00
Due from Stabilization Fund: Appropriation for Assessors' Maps		8,000.00
		$611,258.72

Public Law #89-10:		
Elementary and Secondary	157.65	
		13,966.78
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch	1,590.74	
School Athletics	1,002.98	
		2,593.72
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
General	238,494.61	
Non-Revenue:		
Springfield Road Interceptor Sewer	2,231.61	
Junior and Senior High School Construction	1,688.30	
		242,414.52
Loans Authorized and Unissued		18,000.00
Overestimates 1971:		
State Recreation Areas	1,374.17	
County Tax	444.04	
Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution District	72.88	
		1,891.09
Sale of Real Estate Fund		3,363.68
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund		2,094.50
Road Machinery Fund		159.31
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		3,158.16
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1970	7,724.24	
Levy of 1971	9,513.34	
		17,237.58
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	18,449.59	
Farm Excise	192.00	
Special Assessment	930.61	
Tax Title and Possession	9,521.77	
Departmental	16,023.66	
Aid to Highway	73,875.00	
		118,992.63
Reserve for Petty Cash Advances		150.00
Surplus Revenue		158,554.45
		$611,258.72

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:		Susan M.D. Bridgman Charity Fund	$11,174.11
Cash and Securities	$141,026.35	Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	14,048.25
		George D. Longley School Music Fund	2,019.46
		Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	6,698.02
		Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,237.78
		Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	767.13
		Nellie Brown Mt. Hope Cemetery Fund	1,270.97
		Willard A. Stebbins Cemetery Fund	2,183.30
		Vienna Somes-Bridgman Cemetery Fund	412.16
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	*39,208.90
		Stabilization Fund	**59,006.27
	$141,026.35		$141,026.35

* Includes $260.00 in General Treasury

** Due General Treasury $8,000.00

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Serial Loans:		
Inside Debt Limit:		Inside Debt Limit:		
General	$11,000.00	Sewer Loan 1949	$3,000.00	
		School Building Loan 1952	8,000.00	
				$11,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:				
General	551,000.00			
		Outside Debt Limit:		
		School Building Loan 1952	11,000.00	
		School Building Loan 1963	540,000.00	
				551,000.00
	$562,000.00			$562,000.00

To the Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Belchertown for the period from December 1, 1971 to March 31, 1972, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Walter F. Abel, Assistant Chief of Bureau.

Very truly yours,
Gordon A. McGill
Director of Accounts

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
Balance Sheet—March 31, 1972
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash:		
General		$268,917.56
Advances for Petty:		
School		175.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1969:		
Personal Porperty		312.80
Levy of 1970:		
Personal Property	$422.40	
Real Estate	12,148.40	
		12,570.80
Levy of 1971:		
Personal Property	3,007.20	
Real Estate	26,587.90	
		29,595.10
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1969	1,177.38	
Levy of 1970	3,270.30	
Levy of 1971	10,421.05	
		14,868.73
Special Assessments:		
Sewer:		
Rentals 1971		880.33
Tax Titles and Possessions:		
Tax Titles	3,265.78	
Tax Possessions	2,119.19	
		5,384.97
Departmental:		
Highway Miscellaneous	57.50	
Veterans' Services	12,590.29	
		12,647.79
Aid to Highways:		
State	795.39	
County	233.75	
		1,029.14

Liabilities and Reserves

Temporary Loans:		
In Anticipation of Revenue 1972		$200,000.00
Sale of Real Estate:		
Overestimates 1971:		
State Recreation Areas	$1,374.17	
County Tax	444.04	
Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution District	72.88	
		1,891.09
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes	250.80	
State Taxes	3,258.65	
Contributory Retirement System	783.06	
Group Hospitalization Insurance	1,455.84	
Group Life Insurance	89.60	
Cancer Care Insurance	286.90	
		6,124.85
Agency:		
State-Sporting Licenses	102.00	
County—Dog Licenses	394.65	
		496.65
Gifts and Bequests:		
Parsons Field—New Field House		583.53
Trust Fund Income:		
Susan M.D. Bridgman Charity	11,173.15	
Calvin Bridgman High School	2.88	
Nellie Brown Mt. Hope Cemetery	3.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	1,545.75	
		12,724.78

Due from County—Dog Officer Fees		638.00
Revenue 1972:		
Appropriations Voted	1,775,302.13	
Deduct:		
Estimated Receipts Collected	-46,791.55	
Available Funds Voted	-119,668.64	
		1,608,841.94
Unprovided For or Overdrawn Accounts:		
Overlay Deficit:		
Levy of 1969		64.40
		—————
		$1,955,926.56
		—————
		—————

Invested Funds:		
To be Invested:		
Conservation Fund		600.00
Federal Grants:		
School:		
Public Law #88-210, Elementary and Secondary	6.62	
Public Law#89-10, Elementary and Secondary	3,860.23	
		3,866.85
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch	4,470.34	
School Athletics	1,565.73	
		6,036.07
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
General	1,470,108.68	
Non-Revenue:		
Springfield Road Interceptor Sewer	2,231.61	
Junior and Senior High School Construction	1,688.30	
		1,474,028.59
Overestimates 1971:		
Sale of Real Estate		3,363.68
Sale of Cemetery Lots		2,094.50
Road Machinery Earnings		409.39
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		3,158.16
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1970	7,647.44	
Levy of 1971	7,328.14	
		14,975.58
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	14,868.73	
Special Assessment	880.33	
Tax Title and Possession	5,384.97	
Departmental	12,647.79	
Aid to Highway	1,029.14	
		34,810.96
Reserve for Petty Cash Advances		175.00
Surplus Revenue		190,586.88
		—————
		$1,955,926.56
		—————
		—————

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:		Susan M.D. Bridgman Charity Fund	$11,241.40
Cash and Securities	$134,405.24	Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	14,171.44
		George D. Longley School Music Fund	2,037.16
		Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	6,756.75
		Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,274.94
		Susan M.D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	773.86
		Nellie Brown Mount Hope Cemetery Fund	1,279.11
		Willard A. Stebbins Cemetery Fund	2,202.44
		Vienna Somes—Bridgman Cemetery Fund	415.77
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	39,728.67
		Stabilization Fund	51,523.70
	$134,405.24		$134,405.24

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Serial Loans:		
Inside Debt Limit:		Inside Debt Limit:		
General	$11,000.00	Sewer Loan 1949	$3,000.00	
		School Building Loan 1952	8,000.00	
Outside Debt Limit:				$11,000.00
General	551,000.00			
		Outside Debt Limit:		
		School Building Loan 1952	11,000.00	
		School Building Loan 1963	540,000.00	
				551,000.00
				$562,000.00
	$562,000.00			

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

Balance Sheet - December 31, 1972

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash:		
General	$416,778.22	
Advances for Petty:		
School	75.00	
		$416,853.22
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes		
Levy of 1969:		
Personal Property		312.80
Levy of 1970:		
Personal Property	347.40	
Real Estate	2,774.40	
		3,148.80
Levy of 1971:		
Personal Property	2,930.40	
Real Estate	6,412.53	
		9,342.93
Levy of 1972:		
Personal Property	6,181.90	
Real Estate	57,934.11	
		64,116.01
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1969	1,148.78	
Levy of 1970	3,229.17	
Levy of 1971	7,490.91	
Levy of 1972	20,357.47	
		32,226.33
Farm Animal:		
Levy of 1972		101.00
Special Assessments:		
Sewer:		
Rentals 1971	42.81	
Rentals 1972	866.70	
		909.51
Tax Titles and Possessions:		
Tax Titles	2,723.49	
Tax Possessions	2,119.19	
		4,842.68
Departmental:		
Highway-Miscellaneous	107.50	
Veterans' Services	12,275.39	
		12,382.89
Aid to Highways:		
State	42,665.40	
County	17,000.00	
		59,665.40

Liabilities and Reserves

Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes	$3,141.90	
State Taxes	4,326.92	
County Retirement	1,236.39	
Group Hospitalization Insurance Employees and O.M.E.	1,029.39	
Group Life Insurance	60.24	
Cancer Care Insurance	137.90	
		$9,933.33
Agency:		
County-Dog Licenses		2.65
Gifts and Bequests:		
Parsons Field-New Field House	585.53	
Police Department-Ambulance Fund	165.00	
		748.53
Trust Fund Income:		
Susan M.D. Bridgman Charity	12,251.47	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	.33	
Calvin Bridgman High School	2.88	
		12,254.68
Investment Funds:		
To be Invested:		
Conservation Fund		800.00
Federal Grants:		
Schools:		
Public Law # 81-874	9,461.00	
Public Law # 91-230	3,904.13	
Public Law # 88-210	6.62	
Public Law # 89-10	167.74	
		13,539.49
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch	1,343.00	
School Athletics	320.92	
Lost and Damaged Books	145.75	
Industrial Arts	359.32	
		2,168.99
Insurance Claim:		
Theft on Flute		169.95
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue:		
General	46,989.15	
Non-Revenue:		
Interceptor Sewer	2,231.61	
Junior-Senior High School		

Due from County:	
Dog Officer Fees	2,684.00
Loans Authorized:	
Jackson and Hamilton Streets Railroad Crossings	30,000.00
Overdrawn Appropriation:	
Group Hospitalization-Pensioners	14.46
Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts:	
Underestimates:	
Lower Pioneer Valley Air Pollution District	12.44
	$636,612.47

Construction	1,688.30	
		50,909.06
Loans Authorized and Unissued		30,000.00
Overestimates 1972:		
County Tax	2,199.13	
State Recreation Areas	1,611.95	
		3,811.08
Sale of Real Estate Fund		3,363.68
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund		2,544.50
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:		
Road Machinery Fund		629.26
Reserve Fund - Overlay Surplus		3,158.16
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1970	6,572.24	
Levy of 1971	5,571.34	
Levy of 1972	3,263.47	
		15,407.05
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	32,226.33	
Farm Animal Excise	101.00	
Special Assessments	909.51	
Tax Titles and Possessions	4,842.68	
Departmental	12,382.89	
Aid to Highways	59,665.40	
		110,127.81
Reserve for Petty Cash Advance		75.00
Surplus Revenue		376,969.25
		$636,612.47

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

Balance Sheet - December 31, 1972

Federal Revenue Sharing

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Special Cash	$45,413.00	Federal Grants:	
		Public Law 92-512	$45,413.00
	$45,413.00		$45,413.00

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE :YEAR 1972

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	Balance Forward 1971	Appro- priations ATM & STM	Refunds Transfers Adjustments	Amount Available for Expenditure	Expended by Warrant	Expended by Journal	Unexpended Balance	Balance to 1973
Moderator	$	$ 25.00	$	$ 25.00	$ 15.00	$	$ 10.00	$
Selectmen-Salaries		4,200.00		4,200.00	4,053.78		146.22	
Selectmen-Expense		3,000.00	85.00	3,085.00	2,910.93	3.65	170.42	
Town Accountant-Secretary-Salary		6,300.00		6,300.00	6,300.00		-0-	
Town Accountant-Secretary-Wage		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,225.88		274.12	
Town Accountant-Secretary-Expense		1,135.00	357.85	1,492.85	1,313.91		178.94	
Treasurer-Salary		3,200.00		3,200.00	3,192.66		7.34	
Treasurer-Wage		3,540.00	500.00	4,040.00	4,033.26		6.74	
Treasurer-Expense		1,110.00	173.00	1,283.00	1,282.50		.50	
Collector-Salary		3,400.00		3,400.00	3,396.33		3.67	
Collector-Wage		3,220.00	500.00	3,720.00	3,713.00		7.00	
Collector-Expense		1,565.00	150.00	1,715.00	1,671.10		43.90	
Assessors-Salaries		1,600.00		1,600.00	1,600.00		-0-	
Assessors-Wage		6,400.00		6,400.00	6,204.15		195.85	
Assessors-Expense		6,000.00		6,000.00	5,603.13		396.87	
Assessors-Maps	3,000.00	10,000.00		13,000.00	-0-		13,000.00	13,000.00
Finance Committee		150.00	20.00	170.00	169.70		.30	
Town Clerk-Salary		1,600.00		1,600.00	1,596.33		3.67	
Town Clerk-Wage		1,250.00		1,250.00	968.03		281.97	
Town Clerk-Expense		725.00	156.03	881.03	879.81		1.22	
Law Account		4,150.00		4,150..00	2,711.42		1,438.58	
Special Law Account		1,000.00		1,000.00	700.56		299.44	
Election & Registration		7,055.00		7,055.00	6,688.80		366.20	
Planning Board		7,600.00		7,600.00	6,362.09		1,237.91	
Zoning By-Law Officer-Salary		400.00		400.00	400.00		-0-	
Zoning By-Law Officer-Expense		150.00		150.00	149.45		.55	
Board of Appeals		100.00		100.00	99.81		.19	
Conservation Commission		420.00		420.00	32.30	200.00	187.70	
Operational Soils Report		13,123.00		13,123.00	-0-		13,123.00	13,123.00
Lake Metacomet-Aquatic Nuisance Control		1,000.00	223.75	1,223.75	392.50		831.25	
Municipal Building Committee			150.00	150.00	150.00		-0-	
Lawrence Memorial Hall		3,010.00	48.30	3,058.30	2,677.37		380.93	
Town Garage		2,700.00	76.59	2,776.59	2,269.90	52.92	453.77	

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Department		50,321.00	2,500.00	52,821.00	52,812.30		8.70	
Police Department-Cruiser		3,100.00		3,100.00	3,098.63		1.37	
Police Department-Radio		825.00		825.00	825.00		-0-	
Police Department-Ambulance		11,800.00		11,800.00	11,800.00		-0-	
Police Department-Equiping of Ambulance		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,301.26		198.74	
Fire Department		4,500.00	2,302.00	6,802.00	6,783.04		18.96	
Forest Fire		2,200.00		2,200.00	1,097.98	1,102.00	.02	
Water Storage Holes		200.00		200.00	-0-		200.00	
Hydrant Service		4,000.00		4,000.00	4,000.00		-0-	
Sealer of Weights & Measures		375.00		375.00	374.95		.05	
Dog Officer-Expense		350.00		350.00	323.20		26.80	
Insect Pest Control		800.00	350.00	1,150.00	1,148.20		1.80	
Dutch Elm		1,900.00	300.00	2,200.00	2,199.65		.35	
Tree Warden		2,500.00	75.75	2,575.75	2,575.65		.10	
Wiring Inspector		500.00		500.00	464.84		35.16	
Civil Defense-Salary		350.00		350.00	350.00		-0-	
Civil Defense-Expense		400.00		400.00	328.94		71.06	

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health-Salaries		350.00		350.00	350.00		-0-	
Board of Health-Expense		4,590.00		4,590.00	3,967.86		622.14	
Sewer Commissioners-Salaries		650.00		650.00	650.00		-0-	
Sewer Maintenance-1971	26,252.32			26,252.32	26,252.32		-0-	
Sewer Maintenance-1972		26,138.00		26,138.00	24,434.22		1,703.78	
Sewerage Engineering-So. Belchertown	1,000.00			1,000.00	180.00		820.00	820.00
Town Dump		14,200.00		14,200.00	13,808.33		391.67	

HIGHWAYS

General		18,900.00		18,900.00	14,610.38	343.42	3,946.20	
Sick Leave		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,287.80		212.20	
Vacation Pay		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,435.20		64.80	
Chapter 81		32,998.00	65.02	33,063.02	33,063.02		-0-	
Chapter 90C		44,000.00	97.42	44,097.42	24,883.52		19,213.90	19,213.90
Chapter 90M		18,000.00	150.12	18,150.12	18,150.12		-0-	
Chapter 768-Federal		-0-	.44	.44	-0-	.44	-0-	
Sidewalks		2,000.00		2,000.00	-0-		2,000.00	
Streets		20,000.00		20,000.00	12,000.75	7,900.00	99.25	
Bridges		2,000.00	1,435.70	3,435.70	3,435.12		.58	
Snow Removal		38,000.00		38,000.00	37,970.75		29.25	
Winter Employment		7,500.00		7,500.00	7,482.88		17.12	
Road Machinery Expense		12,500.00	140.23	12,640.23	12,631.88		8.35	8.35

Brushcutting	2,500.00		2,500.00	2,498.55		
Mowing	1,500.00		1,500.00	1,496.25		3.75
Street Lighting	10,126.00	457.91	10,583.91	10,583.91		-0-
Dump Truck	11,300.00		11,300.00	11,299.05		.95
Snow Plow	945.00		945.00	945.00		-0-
Preliminary Road Layout	750.00		750.00	745.78		4.22
VETERANS' SERVICES						
Veterans' Agent-Salary	950.00		950.00	950.00		-0-
Veterans- Agent-Expense	450.00		450.00	381.65		68.35
Veterans' Benefits	27,000.00	1,040.00	28,040.00	19,651.74		8,388.26
SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES						
School Department						
1000 Administration	35,890.00	295.00	36,185.00	34,134.83	2,050.00	.17
1000 Out-of-State Travel	200.00		200.00	-0-	200.00	-0-
2000 Instruction	747,862.01	8,558.00	756,420.01	753,368.57	3,0000.00	51.44
2000 Out-of-State Travel	500.00		500.00	12.44	487.00	.56
3000 Other School Services	138,111.00		138,111.00	134,594.22	3,516.00	.78
4000 Operation & Maintenance	143,577.00	4,450.00	148,027.00	142,927.52	5,000.00	99.48
7000	4,814.00		4,814.00	4,398.22	400.00	15.78
9000	40,772.00	1,350.00	42,122.00	41,931.38		190.62
Clapp Memorial Library	8,512.94		8,512.94	8,506.37		6.57
RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED						
Parks, Beach & Recreation	10,220.00		10,220.00	9,504.84		715.16
Pathfinder-Operating Budget	4,968.21		4,968.21	4,968.21		-0-
Pathfinder-Interest	16,526.99		16,526.99	16,526.99		-0-
Unclassified Account	1,330.00	3.65	1,333.65	960.79		372.86
Printing Town Report	2,000.00	58.35	2,058.35	2,058.35		-0-
Patriotic Exercises	275.00	10.40	285.40	215.40	70.00	-0-
Pensions-Town Appropriation	20,773.50	21,780.70	42,554.20	20,773.50	21,780.70	-0-
Group Life Insurance-Town Appropriation	1,296.00	19.28	1,315.28	1,015.26		300.02
Blue Cross-Blue Shield-Town Appropriation	16,611.00	295.90	16,906.90	16,538.96		367.94
Insurance	28,324.00	971.43	29,295.43	26,881.97		2,413.46
Town Clock	300.00		300.00	300.00		-0-
Rental of American Legion Hall	300.00		300.00	300.00		-0-
Voting Booths	600.00	13.80	613.80	613.80		-0-
Town Common	1,205.00		1,205.00	889.35		315.65
Renovation of Old Town Hall-Plans		500.00	500.00	500.00		-0-
Reserve Fund	10,000.00		10,000.00		8,669.64	1,330.36

Unpaid Bills-1971		2,407.57		2,407.57	2,407.57		-0-	
Surveying & Other Costs-State Land		600.00		600.00	575.70		24.30	
Ritter Water-Line Installation		325.00		325.00	325.00		-0-	
Purchase of Land-Cemetery	1.00			1.00	-0-		1.00	1.00
Cemetery Commissioners-Salaries		600.00		600.00	600.00		-0-	
Cemetery Commissioners-Expense		5,000.00	1,400.00	6,400.00	6,218.54		181.46	
Veterans' Graves		200.00	70.00	270.00	160.00		110.00	
Interest		27,714.00	82.98	27,796.98	24,410.57		3,386.41	
Maturing Debt		65,000.00		65,000.00	65,000.00		-0-	
TOTALS	$30,253.32	$1,825,411.22	$51,214.60	$1,906,879.14	$1,771,011.77	$54,775.77	$81,091.60	$46,166.25

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Cash and securities in custody of Treasurer	$139,690.14	In custody of Treasurer:	
		Cemetery Perpetual Care-Bequests	$ 40,530.14
		Stabilization Fund	54,064.29
		Susan M.D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	811.89
		Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	1,335.62
		Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,485.19
		George D. Longley Music Fund	2,137.37
		Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	7,087.11
		Whiting Street Poor Fund	14,868.53
		Susan M.D. Bridgman Poor Fund	11,621.07
		Willard A. Stebbins Cemetery Fund	2,310.75
		Vienna E. Somes Cemetery Fund	436.18
			$139,690.14

PUBLIC LAW 92-512 [FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING]

RECEIPTS

Federal Revenue Sharing-Public Law 92-512	$45,413.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Cash and securities in custody of Treasurer	$45,413.00	In custody of Treasurer:	
		Federal Revenue Sharing-Public Law 92-512	$45,413.00

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah A. Downing
Town Accountant

Report of Tax and Town Collector

1969 Real Estate Taxes

To Be Refunded		$ 64.40
Refunded	$ 64.40	
Outstanding 12/31/72	0.00	
	64.40	
		64.40

1970 Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding (Audit Balance) 1/1/72		12,090.80
Refunded		1,148.40
Abated	1,084.80	
Tax Titles	2,774.40	
Collected	9,380.00	
Outstanding 12/31/72	0.00	
	13,239.20	
		13,239.20

1971 Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding (Audit Balance)1/1/72		44,518.89
Refunded		1,891.20
Abated	1,728.00	
Audit Adjust—Personal Property to Real Estate Tas	2,870.40	
Collected	35,399.16	
Outstanding 12/31/72	6,412.53	
	46,410.09	
		46,410.09

1972 Real Estate Taxes

Committed for Collection		1,014,446.97
Refunded		10,628.00
Abated	45,999.63	
Collected	921,141.23	
Outstanding 12/31/72	57,934.11	
	1,025,074.97	
		1,025,074.97

1969 Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding (Audit Balance) 1/1/72		312.80
Outstanding 12/31/72	312.80	
	312.80	
		312.80

1970 Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding (Audit Balance) 1/1/72		645.60
Collected	271.20	
Outstanding 12/31/72	374.40	
	645.60	
		645.60

1971 Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding (Audit Balance) 1/1/72		861.60
Audit Adjust—Transferred to Real Estate		2,870.40
Abated	36.00	
Collected	765.60	
Outstanding 12/31/72	2,930.40	
	————	
	3,732.00	
		————
		3,732.00

1972 Personal Property Taxes

Committed for Collection		83,689.41
Abated	724.90	
Collected	76,770.61	
Outstanding 12/31/72	6,193.90	
	————	
	83,689.41	
		————
		83,689.41

1971 Farm Animal Excises

Outstanding (Audit Balance) 1/1/72		105.00
Collected	105.00	
Outstanding 12/31/72	0.00	
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	105.00	
		————
		105.00

Standing: Carl J. Peterson, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector. Left to right: Carol E. Hubbard, Margaret S. Kirby, Assistant.

1972 Farm Animal Excises

Committed for Collection		1,194.85
Abated	12.00	
Collected	1,093.85	
Outstanding 12/31/72	89.00	
	————	
	1,194.85	
		————
		1,194.85

1969 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding (Audit Balance) 1/1/72		1,177.38
Abatements Rescinded		38.50
Collected	67.10	
Outstanding 12/31/72	1,148.78	
	————	
	1,215.88	
		————
		1,215.88

1970 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding (Audit Balance) 1/1/72		3,292.57
Collected	63.40	
Outstanding 12/31/72	3,229.17	
	————	
	3,292.57	
		————
		2,292.57

1971 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding (Audit Balance) 1/1/72		15,328.43
Committed for Collection in 1972		22,338.32
Refunded		1,159.50
Abated	5,965.11	
Collected	25,831.74	
Outstanding 12/31/72	7,029.40	
	————	
	38,826.25	
		————
		38,826.25

1972 Motor Vehicle Excises

Committed for Collection		95,140.14
Refunded		2,433.10
Abated	9,788.86	
Collected	67,742.58	
Outstanding 12/31/72	20,041.80	
	————	
	97,573.24	
		————
		97,573.24

1971 Sewer Charges [Liens]

Outstanding (Audit Balance) 1/1/72		925.11
Collected	826.54	

Collected as Liens on 1972 R.Estate	55.76	
Outstanding 12/31/72	42.81	
	925.11	
		925.11

1972 Sewer Charges

Committed for Collection		7,616.36
Abated	28.67	
Collected	6,720.99	
Outstanding 12/31/72	866.70	
	7,616.36	
		7,616.36

Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable

Outstanding (Audit Balance) 1/1/72		57.50
Committed for Collection		1,711.20
Collected	1,377.20	
Outstanding 12/31/72	391.50	
	1,768.70	
		1,768.70

Total Collections during 1972

Taxes, Excises, Liens	$1,146,234.76
Fees (Warrant and Demand)	651.00
Interest on all Taxes, Excises & Liens	3,171.93
Paid to Town Treasurer	$1,150,057.69

Respectfully submitted,
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Tax and Town Collector

Town Clerk Report

Statistics

BIRTHS

Place	Boys	Girls
Holyoke	10	3
Northampton	17	8
Ware	6	7
Springfield	4	6
Chicopee	-	1
Montague	2	1
Westfield	1	-
	40	26

Total Births Recorded in Belchertown—66

MARRIAGES

	Male	Female
Resident	56	43
Non-Resident	30	43
	86	86

Married at	No.
Belchertown	35
Out of Town	50
Out of State	1
	86

DEATHS

Recorded at Belchertown—63
Males 33, Females 30
Resident 52, Non-resident 11

Place of Death	No.
Belchertown	28
Ware	10
Springfield	3
Chicopee	2
Northampton	5
Holyoke	7
Westfield	2
Amherst	2
Sunderland	1
Palmer	2
Boston	1
	63

FINANCIAL

Receipts	Amount	No. Items
Sporting Licenses (Gross)	$3,953.75	771
Dog Licenses (Gross)	3,111.75	813
B-M-D Certified Copies	290.00	290
B-M-D Abstract Copies	2.00	4
U.C.C. & Terminations	925.00	330

Marriage Intentions	166.00	78
Pole Location Orders	128.00	32
Registration & Discontinuance of Business	15.50	16
Registration to Store Fuel	12.50	25
Lien Search	15.00	5
Licenses, Raffles & Bazaars	110.00	11
Sale of Zoning Maps & By-Laws	43.50	87
Miscellaneous & Postage	6.36	7
Copy of Records	9.75	3
	$8,789.11	2472

Payments to

Division of Fisheries & Game	3,788.25
County of Hampshire	2,827.90
Town of Belchertown	2,172.96
	$8,789.11

Respectfully submitted
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

Report of Town Treasurer

Cash on Hand 1/1/72	$ 259,533.30
Receipts of 1972	2,942,840.64
	$3,202,373.94

Payments, as authorized	$2,785,595.72
Cash on hand 12/31/72	416,778.22
	$3,202,373.94

Income from savings deposits, excluding trust funds, $3,445.11

Federal Revenue Sharing Allotment
Income— 45,413.00 Expenditures— 00

Funds borrowed during 1972, as authorized (discounted short term notes)

Note	Dated	Amount	Due	Rate	Discount
268	3/27/72	200,000.00	11/ 9/72	2.24 per cent	2,812.44
269	6/ 1/72	200,000.00	11/30/72	2.38 per cent	2,406.44
270	7/31/72	200,000.00	12/21/72	2.49 per cent	1,894.71

Total Borrowed—$600,000.00 at a cost of $7,113.59

Gross Wages Earned Before Deductions	$1,034,012.81
Less All Payroll Deductions	250,245.26
Net Wages Paid to Employees	783,767.55

During the year 1972, the Town, all departments, employed 383 persons.

Trust Funds	**1/1/72**	**Deposits**	**Interest**	**Withdrawals**	**12/31/72**
Calvin Bridgman (High School)	6,698.02		361.79		7,059.81
George D. Longley (Music)	2,019.46		109.08		2,128.54
Susan M.D. Bridgman Cemetery)	767.13		41.40		808.53
Whiting Street	14,048.25		758.82		14,807.07
Willard A. Stebbins (Cemetery)	2,183.30		117.90		2,301.20
Calvin Bridgman (Library)	4,237.78		288.87		4,466.65
S.M.D. Bridgman (Poor)	7,674.11	60.50	313.39	60.50	8,087.50
Vienna Sommes (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	412.16		22.22		434.38
Perpetual Care (Cemeteries)	39,334.01	670.00	2,100.00	1,573.97	40,530.14
Nellie E. Brown (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	1,270.97		68.39	9.30	1,330.06
Stabilization Fund	59,006.27		2,799.87	8,000.00	53,805.14
	137,651.46	$730.50	7021.83	$9,643.77	$135,760.02

Persons Drawn for Jury Service

During 1972

Name	Date Drawn	Jury Service
Robert A. Coache	Jan. 10, 1972	Grand
Patrick D. Kamins	Jan. 10, 1972	Traverse
Joseph A. Kulig	Jan. 10, 1972	Traverse
Alfred H. Casey	Jan. 24, 1972	Traverse
Edward J. Dudek	Jan. 24, 1972	Traverse
Rachael Farrington	Feb. 28, 1972	Traverse
Roy E. Cunningham	Feb. 28, 1972	Traverse
John S. Plowucha, Sr.	April 24, 1972	Traverse
William J. Chevalier	April 24, 1972	Traverse
Paul C. Cook	April 24, 1972	Traverse
James A. Beachell	April 24, 1972	Traverse
Frederick E. Mailloux	April 24, 1972	Traverse
Richard H. Knight	April 24, 1972	Traverse
Petronella Z. Squires	July 24, 1972	Traverse
Anthony Crisafulli	July 24, 1972	Traverse
James B. Baker	Sept. 11, 1972	Traverse
Leon J. Terault	Sept. 11, 1972	Traverse
Edward L. Fuller	Oct. 2, 1972	Traverse
Fred J. Stokosa	Oct. 2, 1972	Traverse
Kenneth R. Brown	Nov. 6, 1972	Traverse
Richard D. Pratt	Nov. 6, 1972	Traverse

Jury List 1972 - 1973

Name, Address	Occupation, Name and Address of Employer If person is a married woman, husband's name, occupation and name of employer
Adzima, Peter J., Ludlow Street	Farmer and Laborer, Jackson & Harrington, Belchertown, Ma.
Anderson, Robert G., Rockrimmon Street	Heavy Equipment Operator, Donald Grant, Norfolk Avenue, Northampton, Ma.
Andrews, Melvin F., Ballou Street	Poultryman, Belchertown State School, Belchertown, Ma.
Austin, Lewis J., Shea Avenue	Retired, Street Light Patrolman, Mass. Electric Co., North Main Street, Palmer, Ma.
Baker, James B., Springfield Road	Painter, Belchertown State School, Belchertown, Ma.
Bay, John P., Bay Road	Student and Research Assistant, Geology Department, University of Mass., Amherst, Ma.
Blaine, Edmond A., Bay Road	Retired, Machine Assembler, B.F. Perkins, Chicopee St., Willimansett, Ma.
Bronner, Emile J., Hamilton St.	Assembler, Savage Arms, Springdale Street, Westfield, Ma.
Brown, George W., North Washington Street	Millwright, Diamond International Corp., Thorndike, Ma.
Brown, Kenneth R., North Washington Street	Machine Operator, Rexel Inc., West Street, Ludlow, Ma.
Buzzard, Lionel E., Warner Street	Laborer, M.D.C. Quabbin Reservoir, Belchertown, Ma.

Clement, Russell S., Bay Road	Machine Operator, American Pad & Paper Co., 75 Appleton St., Holyoke, Ma.
Cook, Richard K., Chauncy Walker Street	Pre-Mix Operator, Monsanto Co., Indian Orchard, Ma.
Davenport, Arthur, East Street	Real Estate Manager, Charter Management Associates Inc., Amherst, Ma.
Dewhurst, Albert F., Federal Street	Shear Operator, Zero Manufacturing Co., Monson, Ma.
Digris, Benedict C., Mill Vally Road	Mason tender, N.J. Sanford & Co., 130 Maple Street, Springfield, Ma.
Ducharme, Conrad L., Howard Street	Supervisor, Mercury Plastics, Fuller Road, Chicopee Falls, Ma.
Eskett, Charles H., State Street	Custodian, Belchertown Public Schools, Belchertown, Ma.
Fay, Robert L., Wislon Street	Tractor Driver, Univ. of Mass., Amherst, Ma.
Forgue, Ellesworth L., Jabish Street	Retired, Bench Hand, Smith Wesson Inc., Springfield, Ma.
Fuller, Edward L., Mill Valley Road	Insurance Agent, Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency, Inc., Belchertown, Ma.
Gallerani, Edward A., Bay Road	Gunfitter, Smith & Wesson, Roosevelt Avenue, Springfield, Ma.
Green, Hubert F., Ware Road	Broiler Farmer & School Bus Contractor, Self-employed
Hale, Raymond H., Green Avenue	Retired Laborer, M.D. C., Belchertown, Ma.
Hayward, James F., Federal Street	Electricians Helper, Belchertown State School, Belchertown, Ma.
Hislop, Irving R., North Washington Street	Superintendent, Monsanto Chemical Co., Worcester St., Springfield, Ma.
Hodgen, Isaac A., Sargent Street	Board of Investments, Ware Saving Bank, Trustee, Ware, Ma.
Horr, Leon Jr., Ware Road	Custodian, Belchertown Public Schools, Belchertown, Ma.
Hubler, Miles J., Warren Wright Street	Part-time Engineer, Warren Wright St., Belchertown, Ma.
Hulmes, Jack Jr., Old Enfield Road	Hulmes Associates, Old Enfield Road, Belchertown, Ma.
Keller, Frederick, Franklin Street	Retired Mechanic, UniRoyal Tire Co., Chicopee Falls, Ma.
King, Roy H., Sr., North Washington Street	Manager, Frozen Foods Dept., Gula's Super Market, Palmer, Ma.
Labrecque, Doris Lionel, Springfield Road	Self-employed, Pioneer Aluminum Co., Jackson St., Belchertown, Ma.
Lefebvre, Norman F., Stebbins Street	Die Sinker, Moore Drop Forge, Springfield, Ma.
Main, Kenneth H., Poole Road	Receiving Clerk, C.F. & I. Steel Corp., Palmer, Ma.
Papp, Walter L., Mill Valley Road	Retired, General Engineer, Westover Air Base, Chicopee, Ma.
Pratt, Richard D., Kimball Street	Vice President & General Manager, F.C. Taplin Co. Inc., West Springfield, Ma.
Rhodes, Theodore C., Warren Wright Street	Carpenter Foreman, Univ. of Mass., Amherst Ma.
Ribeiro, Adelino A., Stebbins Street	Pipefitter, Valley Paper Co., Holyoke, Ma.
Rivers, Robert R., South Washington Street	Electrician, Robert Henrichon, Chauncy Walker St., Belchertown, Ma.
Searle, Richard D., Amherst Road	Self-employed Painting Contractor, Amherst, Ma.
Sears, Andrew J., Green Avenue	Self-employed Roofer, Seal Roofing Co., Belchertown, Ma.
Staples, David A., Jackson Street	Service Representative, Rourke-End Paper Co., 261 Weston St., Hartford, Conn.
Stokosa, Fred J., South Washington Street	Boring mill Operator, Chapman Valve, Crane Div., Indian Orchard, Ma.
Terault, Leon J., North Street	Retired, Fireman, Amherst College, Amherst Ma.
Valliere, Rodrigues III, Mill Valley Road	Senior Technician, Scott Graphics Inc., Gaylord St., South Hadley, Ma.
Viens, Gerald J., North Main Street	Self-employed, Crystal Spring Bakery, Belchertown, Ma.
Viens, Leo J., Bay Road	Forger's Helper, Storms Drop Forge, 70 Storms Court, Springfield, Ma.

Vosburgh, William R., North Liberty Street	Laboratory Lead Analyst, Monsanto Chemical Co., Springfield, Ma.
Wisnewski, Peter S., Jabish Street	Unemployed Machinist, Core Turbine Co., Ravenwood Dr., Ludlow, Ma.

FEMALE

Chevalier, Roberta E., Sargent Street	Housewife, (Chevalier, Wallace F.) Handyman, Belchertown State School, Belchertown Ma.
Collis, Janice G., Main Street	Sr. Clerk & Typist, M.D.C., 20 Somerset St., Boston, Ma. (Collis, John A.) Printer, Hamilton I. Newell, University Drive, Amherst, Ma.
Getlin, Bessie, Old Enfield Road	Housekeeper, Mrs Hudson Holland, Holland Farm, Old Enfield Rd., Belchertown, Ma.
Hawkins, Ethel H., Ware Road	Housewife, Widow
Johnson, Pauline C., Daniel Square	Secretary, Paul T. Ford, So. Pleasant St., Amherst, Ma. (Johnson, Warren H.) Supervisor, Lane Construction Corp., Meriden, Conn.
Rhodes, Donella E., Jackson Street	Housewife
Very, Pearl E., Gold Street	Secretary, Amherst Regional H.S., Amherst, Ma. (Very, Frederick S.) Woodworker leader, Westover Air Force Base, Chicopee Ma.
Wenzel, Rose, Bardwell Street	Housewife, Retired, self-employed Farmer, Belchertown (Wenzel, Godfrey) Retired, Foreman, Dearden Iron Works, Willimansett, Ma.

Left to right: Carl J. Peterson, Jr., Aubrey D. LaPolice, Blake S. Jackson, Isaac A. Hodgen—Trustees to The Clapp Memorial Library.

Assessor's Report

This has been another eventful year which has made the work of the Assessor much more difficult and time consuming.

As we see it, Belchertown is currently experiencing a construction boom resulting from a tremendous upward pressure because of our proximity to Amherst which is attempting to "put the lid on" new construction and because of our proximity to major cities whose populace is slowly shifting from city to country living whenever the opportunity affords.

Changes in legislation has increased the scope of eligibility for the elderly and increased the benefits for widows and veterans almost doubling our work in this area alone.

Increased agitation at the legislative level, proposing that the Commonwealth control the assessors' activities in each city and town, has resulted in a mandatory program of schooling. All assessors will have to meet a set of standards which our Commonwealth feels is necessary, preparatory to installing a full time assessor who will be under state rather than town control. We attended the first six week period of such schooling during the fall of 1972 and will be attending the second and third periods of schooling this spring and next fall, respectively. While we are not allergic to schooling, each course does take one evening a week for a six week period. This is in addition to the many other evening meetings and almost every Saturday required to get the job done. We could say "with the salary and the abuse associated with this job—forget it". However, since we are a dedicated, hard-working board, we will continue to do the job to the best of our ability.

We believe that the assessor should come under town rule and therefore plan to resist state control by communicating with our representatives in the legislature and with the Association of Massachusetts Assessors.

As a result of increasing the minimum value of land to $100.00 per acre, concerned citizens presented the board with a petition requesting a roll back in land prices. Apparently their concern was based on two primary assumptions:

(1) That large acreages of land would be sold to developers who would embark on a mass building program which would result in the need for school construction.

(2) That the construction of homes and buildings would replace "the green look" compounding our ecological problems.

With respect to the first concern, we wish to point out that there were approximately 4000 acres of land in the hands of speculators and/or developers before we raised the minimum value of land to the $100.00 figure. If we assumed that 50% of this land could not be used, it would still leave 2000 acres for building lots. Allowing one acre per building lot and only 1 1/2 children per home, this would have an impact of 3000 students on our school system and it would double the number of homes we have in our inventory. Now we can begin to worry about the land which may be sold because the minimum value has been established at the $100.00 figure. While we can appreciate and respect the concern of the petitioners, WE CANNOT IN GOOD CONSCIENCE ROLL BACK THE PRICE OF LAND.

With respect to the second concern that construction will replace "the green look" we wish to point out that currently there are 6543 acres of state and municipally owned land, apple orchards and land in the forestry program all of which will continue to be part of the green look. This is approximately 20% of Belchertown's entire land area. In addition, there is a move afoot to create a National Park which would preserve the Holyoke range area. If this is done, and there is a good possibility that it will be, Belchertown will have to give up another substantial piece of land in the north end of town. We would recommend that if additional "green look" is a valid concern and a necessity from an ecological viewpoint, then action should be taken to provide the appropriate town officials with the authority to retain all of the parcels of land involved in tax taking rather than auctioning them off to the highest bidder who in all probability would be a speculator and/or a builder. In this respect, you are reminded that as the tax base decreases, the tax rate will reflect corresponding increases.

While state and municipally owned land contributes substantially to "the green look", it does not contribute its proportionate share in taxes. For example, at the present time, payments in lieu of taxes are approximately one quarter (1/4) of the amount which that same land would produce if it were privately owned. They are only one seventh (1/7) of the amount we should be receiving had the Commonwealth complied with the court order directing that payments, in lieu of taxes, must be based on current land values. In compliance with the court order, the legislature carried out all of the instructions with the exception of providing the necessary funds for the increased payments. Had these funds been provided, it would have meant almost a four ($4.00) dollar reduction on our tax rate.

Problems were encountered in making our tax map which warranted our granting an extension of the completion date to March of 1973. At Town Meeting time, we expect the maps to be substantially complete. By January 15, 1973, we had preliminary plans for approximately 60% of the town.

In granting the extension, we bargained with The Map Makers and the town will benefit by receiving approximately $2,000.00 worth of work over and above that specified in the contract at no additional cost to the town. This concerns work which we would have had to contract for, had the maps been completed as scheduled.

Perhaps it would have been better if we didn't mention the problems associated with the motor vehicle excise tax. But since many of you were inconvenienced, irritated, frustrated or just plain mad when you received one or more unjust bills, we felt that we should at least touch upon the subject.

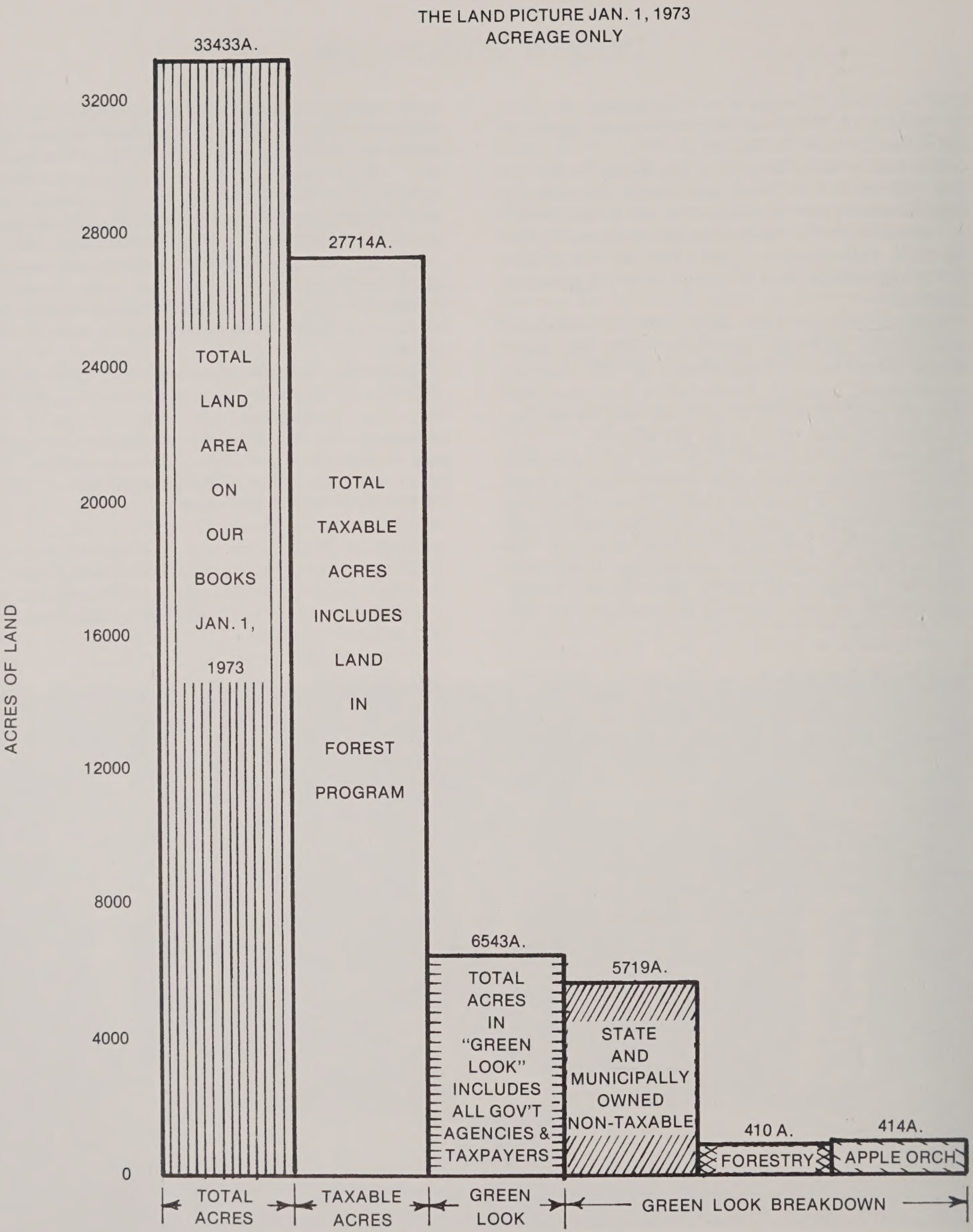
The motor vehicle excise tax is billed by the Registry of Motor Vehicles whose computer tapes have not been properly purged in years. As a result, there were many duplicate billings, no billings, some billing for vehicles which you hadn't owned for several years, etc. We have had to grant hundreds of abatements! In fact, our work load in this area has at least tripled to say nothing of the expense involved in postage alone. We keep sending corrected data to the Registry with the expectation that conditions will improve next year. However, our frank opinion is that improvement in this area will not come until the new vehicle title law has been in effect for a couple of years. We can't condemn you for becoming irritated and we strongly recommend that you vent your emotions but why condemn us?

Now that we have vented our emotions, we take this opportunity to thank the many citizens who came in to discuss their problems rationally without raising their voices even though the final judgment was not in their favor.

Finally, we want to leave you with this thought. Although our shoulders are broad enough, there really isn't any justification for "bad mouthing" the assessors. You, the public, cannot demand tax control and at the same time demand more services. THE ONLY WAY TO REDUCE OR CONTROL REAL ESTATE TAXES IS TO STOP SPENDING!

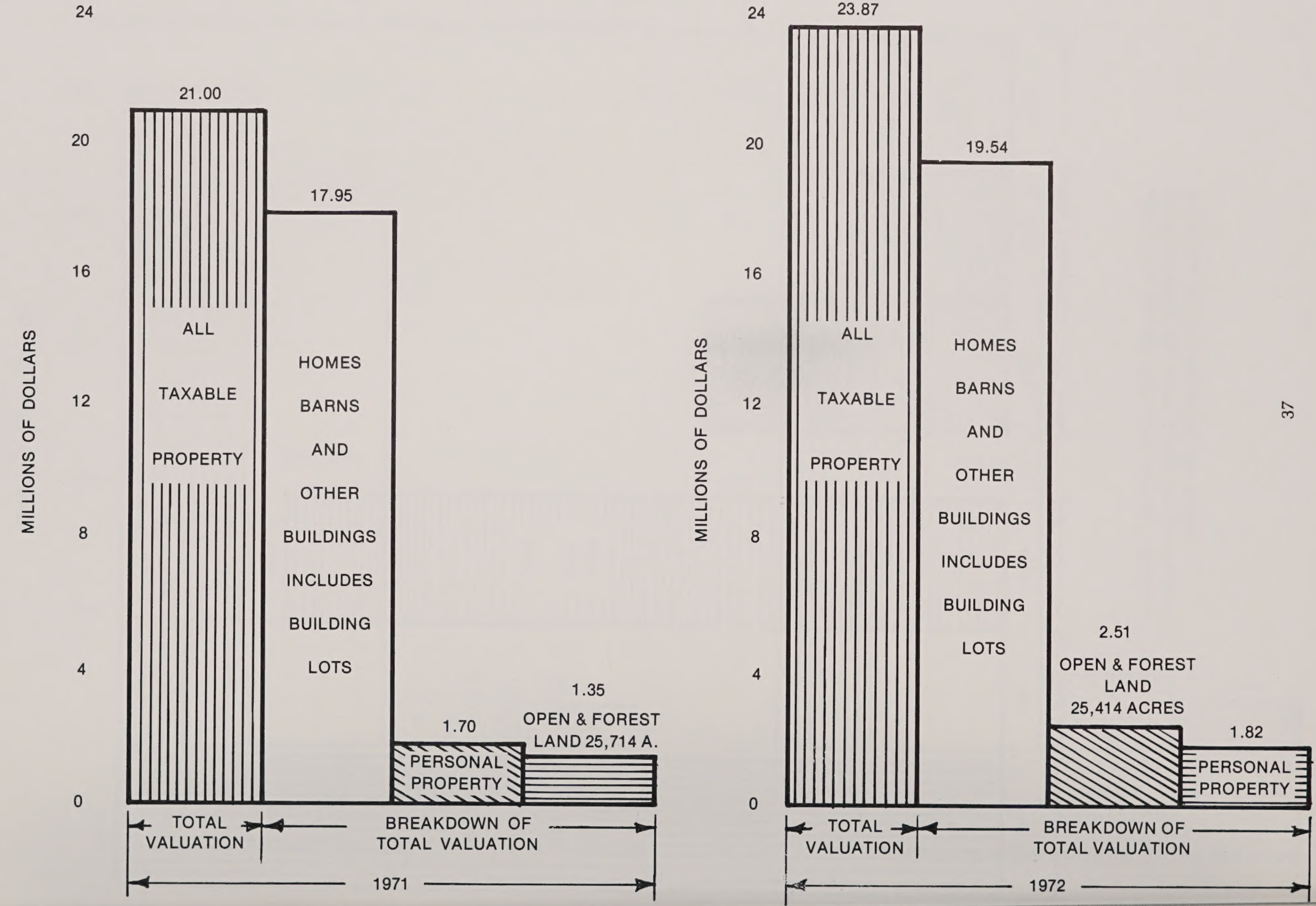
Board of Assessors
Samuel J. Joyal, Chairman
Isaac A. Hodgen
Walter L. Papp, Secretary

Left to right: Walter L. Papp, Samuel J. Joyal, Isaac A. Hodgen—Board of Assessors.



NOTE: GREEN LOOK EQUALS 19.2% OF TOTAL LAND AREA

VALUATIONS FOR 1971 & 1972



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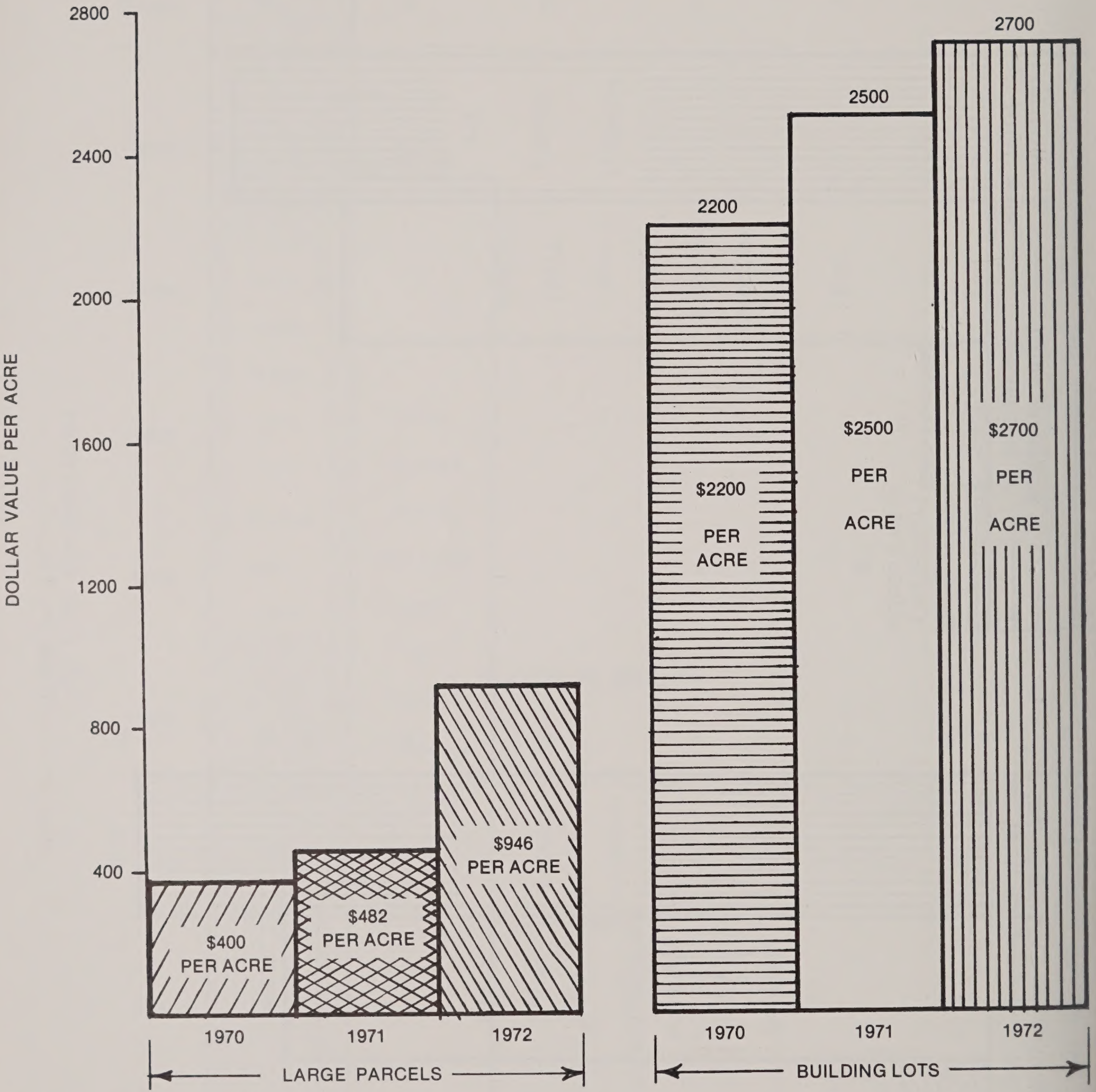
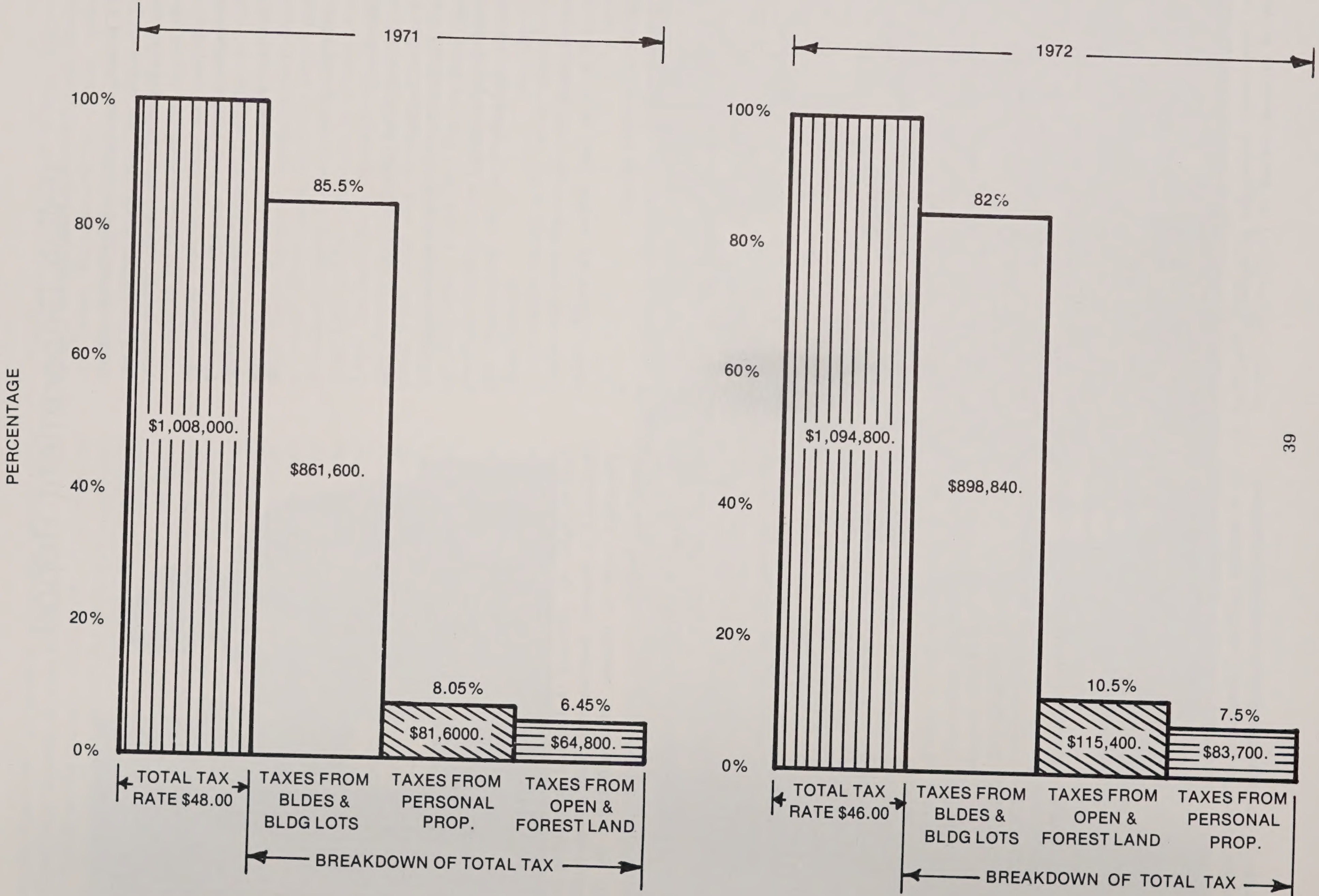


NOTE: THE VALUES PER ACRE REFLECT AVERAGE SELLING PRICE PER ACRE BASED ON SALES DATA PROVIDED BY THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS

WHERE THE TAX DOLLARS CAME FROM



Police Department Report

I hereby submit my annual report for the Police Department for 1972. Following are listed the offenses prosecuted in the District Court of Northampton during the year 1972:

Narcotic violations	31
Neglect and non-support	1
Auto-liquor	20
Minor with liquor in vehicle	12
Driving while under influence	35
Drunkeness	8
Disturbing the peace	1
Robbery	1
Aggravated assault	1
Burglary (Breaking and Entering)	13
Using car without authority	2
Using car without authority—after license revoked	7
Assault and battery	10
Ill treatment of feeble minded	2
Receiving stolen property	5
Driving to endanger	40
Fish and game law	9
Motorboat violations	1
Violation of R & R on land within watershed reservation	7
Leaving scene of property damage	2
Assault of Officer	2
Lewdness	1
Vandalism	3
Assault with deadly weapon	2
Incest	2

Traffic Violations:

Speeding	206
Stop Sign	57
Road laws	7
No signals	1
Protective headgear	2
Rubbish disposal on highway	4
Impeded operation	2
Sticker violation	12
No registration	39
No license	37
Care in turning	1
Fail to stop for officer	3
Defective equipment	24
Junk car violation	3
No insurance	12
Attaching plates	8
Obstructed view	1
Following too closely	3
Juvenile cases	13

Following is a summary of the activities carried on by the Department during the year 1972. The total number of offenses issued in Northampton District Court were 653. We made 207 arrests and I arraigned the 653 cases in court.

Left to right: Mr. Edward O. Lofland presenting Mr. Raymond E. Breton, Belchertown Police Association President with a citation of Meritorious by The American Legion.

The number of accidents reported and investigated for 1972 were 267, a slight increase over last year. The fatal accidents this year amounted to 3, compared to 2 in 1971. From these three accidents 6 deaths resulted. There was one car-pedestrian accident, one train-vehicle accident, which took the lives of two townspeople, and one accident involving two trains, which took the lives of three railroad workers. These fatal accidents, especially the train wrecks, took many man hours on the Departments level, together with help from the Registry of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Public Utilities. Along with the fatal accidents we had 2 drownings and 1 suicide.

This department investigated 934 complaints, assisted other Police Departments a number of 96 times in locating townspeople without telephones, delivered messages, etc. Homes of vacationers were checked a number of 487 times during this past year. We also checked places of business and other buildings, finding 149 doors or windows opened.

As we all know the use of drugs is rising quite rapidly. The department has spent many man hours following up leads, staging investigations and keeping places under surveillance which resulted in the arrest of 31 during 1972 an increase of 17 over last year. Through one of these staged investigations a raid was made where we confiscated marijuana plants being raised and several arrests followed.

This year the cruisers mileage was 72,781 miles, an increase over last year. Having two cruisers has again proved to be an asset, as better coverage of the town is made and faster service in responding to emergency calls as we try to station them each in a different section of town. We had 179 ambulance trips. These trips include people who are injured in accidents as well as taking town residents to hospitals and nursing homes. The new ambulance, which was purchased through the raising of money by the Police Association and Federal Funds, went into service June 30th. The Association also keeps the ambulance equipped and they operate it. In order to do this the men have to take First Aid Courses, which is required by law, as well as leave their places of employment quite often to answer a call, as sickness and accidents occur during all different times of the day and night. At this time I would like to thank the employers who allow these men to leave their jobs to answer the calls.

The Department consists of myself as a full-time Chief, 3 Sergeants, 1 Policewoman, and 14 Patrolmen. As the town is growing, so is the workload on the Department and I feel that we need one or two more full time men.

I have conducted classes at least once a month this year, and Sgt. Pratt and myself have attended classes in Police Management at Boston given by the Massachusetts Police Training Council. I have also arranged Drug Workshops for parents, teachers and students at the Jr.-Sr. High School. Speakers were also brought in for these workshops. Again I have had a Red Cross Instructor come in so that the officers together with the men from the Fire Department could renew or in some cases get their First Aid cards for the first time. There were 12 men and 2 women receiving their cards this year.

I would like to thank the Police Departments of the surrounding towns, the Metropolitan District Police for their help and for answering our phones on a stand-by basis, the State Police, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the District Court Officials in Northampton, and our local Fire Chief and his men for the help and cooperation they have given to me and my Department. At this time I would also like to thank Mr. Parker Ketchen, Liaison Officer for the Police Department, for his cooperation and understanding shown to my Department.

My sincere thanks to the townspeople who have also cooperated with this department during the past year.

Sincerely,
Ernest M. Gay
Chief of Police

Left to right: standing Raymond E. Breton, Merton L. Pratt, Sgt., Julius J. Matusko Police Officers, seated Ernest M. Gay, Chief of Police.

Fire Department Report

To the Board of Selectmen of Belchertown:

My annual report as Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden follows:

Responses totaled seventy-four for the year 1972.

Building fires	27
Brush & grass fires	21
Auto fires and accidents	18
Lost persons	2
Rescue and resuscitator	5
False alarm	1
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	74

Total fire losses to buildings—$52,525, total fire losses to contents—$18,065.

The pollution ban on all out door burning has greatly reduced our grass and brush fires.

The Firefighters Association again conducted a very successful raffle and are grateful for the generous support of the town people.

Three major accomplishments hopefully will be completed during 1973.

1. The exterior of the fire station will be repaired and redecorated.
2. The long awaited house numbering system will become a reality. This is a vital need in our fast growing community. The Planning Board are busy making a study of this project.
3. Hopefully, specifications will be prepared, and bids submitted during 1973 for a new pumper to replace our present 1953 pumper.

I am continually thankful for the fine cooperation afforded me by all my fellow firemen, and our police department as well as all other town departments.

Our team of Belchertown State School telephone operators, who receive and transmit fire calls have again proven their value. Our continued thanks to them.

Fire Chief	Louis E. Fuller
Deputy Chief	Carl J. Peterson
Captain	Isaac A. Hodgen
Lieutenant	Donald F. Bock
Lieutenant	Raymond R. Menard

Members

Royal Gay
Edward Gates
Thomas Fuller
William Shattuck
Kenneth J. Thayer
Irving Hislop
John Ribeiro
Edward Fuller
Hugh Hubbard, Jr.
David Hodgen
Robert Smith
Benjamin Williams
Albert Dewhurst
Richard McGinnis
Herbert Wood
Richard Knight
Raymond Peeso
Samuel Joyal
David Auclair
Harry Brougham
Paul Greene
Roy Reece, Jr.
David O'Connor

State School Operators

Ruth Neville
Clare Kelly
Helene Gaudreau
Margaret Dudrick
Madeline Geer
Bernedette Fountain
Geneveve Rusiecki

Inactive Members

Former Chief—Milton C. Baggs
Ernest M. Gay
Sherman Gould
Williams Squires, Jr.
Fred Lincoln

Respectfully submitted,
Louis E. Fuller

Left to right: top row: Kenneth J. Thayer, Hugh K. Hubbard, Jr., Royal K. Gay, Samuel J. Joyal, Richard H. Knight, Edward H. Gates, William I. Shattuck, Jr., Herbert C. Wood, Floyd R. Peeso, Benjamin J. Williams, III. Second row: Albert F. Dewhurst, David E. Auclair, Roy P. Reece, Jr., David G. Hodgen, John F. Ribeiro, Richard F. McGinnis, Edward L. Fuller. Bottom row: Carl J. Peterson, Jr., Deputy Chief, Louis E. Fuller, Chief, Isaac H. Hodgen, Raymond R. Menard—Fire Department.

Board of Health Report

The Board of Health for the 1972 year conducted clinics as follows, DPT, Polio, Mumps, German Measles, Measles and Tetanus.

The clerk of infectious diseases lists the following as reported during the year:

Hepatitis (5 cases)
Strep Throat (9 cases)
German Measles (1 case)
Dysentery (3 cases)
Scarlet Fever (1 case)
Chicken Pox (21 cases)
Animal Bites (25 cases)
Human Bite (1 case)
Premature infant births numbered—4

The Plumbing Inspector reported 106 installation inspections.

The Board inspected 146 disposal systems. 104 new installations and 42 repair systems. The Board also investigated 18 complaints. The Board made 4 inspection rounds in conjunction with the shellfish scare in Sept.—Oct. A testing of septic systems for Lake Arcadia was made with no improper seepage found. Water for bathing purposes was tested on both large lakes during the swimming season as well as the drinking water at the Town Beach. One public hearing was held on a Mobile Home application.

Our Sanitarian made his regular monthly visits and assisted on the public hearing as well as complaints. He also tested provate water supplies for both the Board of Health and the Selectmen. Mr. Brickett also assisted the local Board on inspections made Fair Day.

Grateful appreciation for all their help goes to Mr. Angelo Iantosca and the State Dept. of Public Health.

Respectfully submitted,
James A. Bonafini, Sr. Chairman
Charolett Ketchen, R. N.
Miles J. Hubler, R. S.

Dog Officer Report

I hereby submit my annual report as Dog Officer for the town of Belchertown for the year 1972.

Stray dogs	113
Found owners	61
Dogs killed by cars	21
Dog complaints investigated	33

After receiving the annual dog warrant there were 330 unlicensed dogs.

This amount of dogs is the reason the expenses of the Dog Officer goes up every year.

Again I suggest a severe penalty for unlicensed dogs and unrestrained dogs.

Respectfully submitted,
Wallace Chevalier
Dog Officer

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measurers

To: Selectmen of Town of Belchertown

Tested and sealed—Jan. 1, 1972-Dec. 31, 1972

Scales over 10,000 lbs.	1
Scales 100 lbs. to 5,000 lbs.	6
Scales under 100 lbs.	14
Avoirdupois weights	22
Gasoline pumps	50
Kero. and grease pumps	10
Cloth measuring devices	4
Yard sticks	11

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer fees amounting to $179.80.

Royal K. Gay, Sealer

Left to right: Royal K. Gay, Sealer of Weights and Measurers, Wallace F. Chevalier, Dog Officer, James A. Bonafini, Chm. Board of Health.

Parks, Beach & Recreation Committee

We are happy with the results of the Babe Ruth Little League, and hope that they will continue. We added a new blacktop for the baseball diamond in Parsons Field, which should greatly improve the quality of the diamond. In addition, we completed the fencing around the Town Beach. We would like to thank all the volunteers for their assistance during the year. However, the Committee needs more support from the Town. We would welcome any suggestions or help that any Townsperson would care to give.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. John Rege, Chairman
Peter Wisniewski
Richard Cook

Cemetery Commission

During the first part of March, the Cemetery Commission met and elected the following officers: Chairman—Roy P. Reece, Jr., Clerk—Edward L. Fuller, Secretary—Daniel W. MacPhee.

During 1973 we went ahead with our plans to lay out some additional lots in South Cemetery. Approximately forty new lots are now ready for use.

Because of a long and wet mowing season in 1972 we were obliged to seek additional funds in order to complete the year.

During 1972 we performed 27 burials. We turned back to the town $3,110.00 in opening fees sales of lots.

Respectfully submitted,
Roy P. Reece Jr.
Edward L. Fuller
Daniel W. MacPhee

Left to right: Marjorie Rege, Chm. Parks, Beach and Recreation Committe, Roy P. Reece, Jr., Edward L. Fuller, Daniel W. MacPhee—Cemetery Commissioners.

Conservation Commission

The members of the Belchertown Conservation Commission have tried during this past year to make this branch of town government a more active body. We feel that in Belchertown today our Commission should be one of the most vital forces in planning for the future, and we have tried to work towards this goal.

The Conservation Commission is. the branch of government most responsible for the protection of our natural resources. The Commission concerns itself with the following functions of conservation: 1) The PRODUCTIVE or ECONOMIC function which concerns agriculture, forestry, fisheries, 2) the WATER MANAGEMENT function which includes flood prevention water supply and water purity, 3) the OUTDOOR RECREATION function which covers low density use of open space for exercise and fun, 4) the PRESERVATION function under which the landscape as made by nature is maintained for scenic, historic, educational and scientific purposes, 5) the DESIGN function by which open space serves as a key element in separating areas of intensive development by channeling growth in desired directions.

We would like to emphasize that the best way for the Conservation Commission to perform its duties is to have control of the land in question. The Commission is authorized to purchase land for Conservation purposes or it may accept gifts of land or money for its land acquisition fund. Since the amount of money in the fund is so small it makes our purchase of land nearly impossible. We would therefore encourage the townspeople to discuss with us the possibilities of giving or selling their land at a token price to the town under the protection of our Commission for conservation purposes.

During the last year we were able to increase our board from five to seven members. We held meetings on the average of two per month with very good attendance. We have tried to keep the town informed on our work and our opinions by publishing reports in the town newspaper. One of our major accomplishments was to have the town enter into a contract with the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service to have an Operational Soils Report (soil survey) done. Because the cost of such a survey was prohibitive we applied for a Ford Foundation grant of $5,000. We were disappointed to find that their answer was "no". However, we felt that the matter was important enough to try again. After a lengthy letter from our Commission reemphasizing the town's need for the Ford Foundation's financial help, we have received good news—we will get the $5,000!

The recent changes in the Hatch Act, a state law protecting the inland wetlands, have increased the importance and decision making powers of our Commission. This law regulates the filling, dredging or altering of streams and other wet areas. Anyone desiring more information about the changes in this law is welcomed to attend one of our regular meetings where we will be glad to explain the law and answer any questions concerning it.

The Conservation Commission has recently met informally for a drive around Belchertown in an attempt to better familiarize the members with various areas of town and to keep ourselves abreast with current development. We intend to make these trips periodically.

Members of the Commission have attended meetings and workshops throughout the year to better acquaint ourselves with what is happening in conservation.

We would like to encourage all interested citizens of the town to attend our meetings, to give us their opinions, and to help us in any way that they can. Belchertown is a large town and we can use all the help we can get to make it a place we can continue to enjoy for many years to come.

Our regular meetings are held in the Planning Board room of Memorial Hall on the second Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Sullivan, chairman
Sherman Gould
Louis Laframboise
Andrew J. Sears
Kenneth Rhodes
Leslie Campbell
Arthur Davenport

Left to right: Kenneth W. Rhodes, Sherman L. Gould, Barbara E. Sullivan, Andrew J. Sears, Louis B. LaFromboise, Leslie Campbell—Conservation Committee. Missing is Arthur Davenport.

Belchertown Planning Board Report

MEMBERS: Stanford J. Harrington, Chairman, John Sullivan, Vice Chairman and Representative to the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission, Roy Cunningham, Clerk, Donald Cole, Member, Everett Plant, Member

STAFF: Mr. Joseph Bradley, Community Planners & Consultant Services, Planning Consultant, Brian Nickerson, Administrative Assistant & Recording Secretary, Robert Mitchell, Planning Assistant, Mrs. Martha Berger, Secretary/Typist

To: The Board of Selectmen and citizens of the town of Belchertown.

The Planning Board met for its organizational meeting on March 8, 1972. The Board elected Stanford J. Harrington, Chairman; John Sullivan, Vice Chairman and Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission representative; and Roy Cunningham, Clerk. The Board met, in regular session, nineteen (19) times in 1972 and in a number of cases was present for meetings of other Town Boards. Also, in 1972, the Planning Board held ten (10) public hearings: two for subdivision plans submitted to the Board by developers; two with respect to proposed changes in the Town Subdivision Regulations; and six for proposed amendments to the Town Zoning By-Law.

The Planning Board has retained the services of Mr. Joseph Bradley of Community Planners and Consultant Services as Town Planning Consultant throughout 1972. Mr. Bradley has progressed with the preparation of certain elements of the Master Plan as well as acting in an advisory capacity on individual planning, zoning, and subdivision control matters.

Mr. Brian Nickerson of Metacomet Circle was hired on a part-time basis by the Board in February to aid the Board in planning and administrative matters. The Board determined that with the stepped-up work load of the Board, the increased scale of development in Belchertown, and the greater interest in the preparation of a Master Plan by the townspeople, something more than the off-time involvement of a citizen Board was required. Mr. Nickerson worked for two years as a community Planner in Pennsylvania and is working towards his Planning Degree at the University of Massachusetts. At his request, Mr. Nickerson will continue to work for the Planning Board, but in a non-pay status.

Mr. Robert Mitchell, also a graduate planning student at the University, was hired in November to act as a part-time planning assistant to coordinate and synthesize the collective work of the Planning Board, and the recently appointed Citizens Advisory Committee and the Select Committee on Goals. Mr. Mitchell will serve a communication function between all three groups and between the groups and other town boards. He will be directly involved in the preparation of elements of the Master Plan.

Zoning Administration

The year 1972 was an important year for Zoning in the Town of Belchertown. At a special Town Meeting in May, 1972, the citizens of Belchertown voted to increase the minimum dimensions of by amending the Zoning By-Law. The effect of the amendment was to require at least a 40,000 square foot lot in areas not served by sewer and water (previous minimum was 20,000 sq. ft.) Also, the frontage requirement in unserviced areas was increased from 120 ft. to 140 ft.

At the August 1972 Special Town Meeting, the voters of Belchertown passed two moratorium amendments to the Zoning By-Law. These two amendments placed a hold on future apartment and mobile home park construction for a period of two years so that the town would have the time to include these two types of construction in its Master Plan. With the exception of a few communities who have also recently passed similar amendments, the temporary moratorium concept has never before been attempted in Massachusetts.

For 1973, the Planning Board intends to further strengthen and update the Town Zoning and Subdivision Control By-Laws. The Planning Consultant has submitted a proposal for an overhaul of the By-Law and it is presently under study. Additionally, amendments for cluster zoning and Planned Unit Development are being considered.

Subdivision Control

The Planning Board received three requests for the development of new streets under the Subdivision Control Law in 1972. One was approved, one was rejected, and the third is presently undergoing study by the Planning Board. It is expected that this relatively high rate of development will continue or possibly increase in 1973.

The Board presented a proposed revision of the town Subdivision Regulations to the townspeople on September 26, 1972. The prospective revision is presently undergoing investigation and analysis by the Board in an attempt to simplify and shorten the document but also retain its good points.

Approvals Not Required

The high level of activity in land division along existing streets continued through 1972. This is expected to continue as long as there remains considerable undeveloped land along our town roads.

Regional Planning Commission

As a contributing member to the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission, the Planning Board designated Mr. John Sullivan to represent the town at monthly planning commission meetings. Also, through a University program, Brian Nickerson is working with the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission on a full-time basis and through this, can provide the Planning Board with an over-all view of regional planning commission activities.

Future Planning

1973 should be an active and important year for planning in Belchertown. The appointment of energetic and enthusiastic citizens to the Citizens' Advisory Committee and the Select Committee on Goals is a promising sign. Already the Goals Committee has begun the preparation of a questionnaire that, after the Town has been surveyed, will help formulate the Committee's future endeavors. The Citizens' Advisory Committee has investigated the resources at the University and is hopeful of obtaining assistance under an ACTION PROGRAM that will provide student manpower in preparing the Master Plan.

The Planning Board is hopeful that 1973 will see the initial work toward the preparation of a Soil Survey for Belchertown. The Soil Survey is necessary as preliminary work toward the preparation of a Future Land Use Plan as well as the Open Space and Recreation Plan. Though the Town is presently investigating alternative ways of having the survey made, the soil Conservation Service of the Hampshire Conservation District (the traditional preparing agency) has been contacted.

The Board of Selectmen, at the request of the Planning Board, has requested the Massachusetts Department of Community Affairs to provide technical planning services for the Town under the HUD 701 program. At present, this is the only method by which the Town can receive federal assistance for planning. The Commonwealth has informed the town that there may be an extended waiting period, but it is hoped that the Planning Board will be able to defray some Master Plan preparation costs by this method.

Belchertown is presently in a somewhat unique position. At present, due to its numerous assets, Belchertown is a very attractive place in which to live. Because of transportation improvements over the past decade, Belchertown is more easily accessible from many places than ever before. At present, one can travel between Belchertown and downtown Springfield in less than 30 minutes during peak work-travel hours. Additionally, the growth and expansion of Amherst and its academic communities has spilled over into Belchertown. A Route 9 bypass would place Belchertown on the list of bedroom communities of Northampton. In summary, Belchertown is receiving growth pressures from many directions. These pressures have demonstrated themselves in the unprecedented growth of the Town which has taken place over the past few years.

It is imperative that Belchertown plan for this growth. It is irresponsible and naive for one to think that the Town should try to stop growth on such a small scale. A non-growth policy is more realistic and more socially just on the regional or state level. If Belchertown and other suburban communities attempted to build walls around their communities, it would condemn those presently forced into the cities in our region and deprive them of the same rights we now enjoy. The Town can plan for growth and still maintain the high degree of environmental quality we find in Belchertown today, and it can do so without fostering social injustice. By directing certain types of growth into specified areas and by protecting those environmental assets which we hold dear, the Town can grow in an orderly manner.

Left to right: John J. Sullivan, III, Stanford J. Harrington—Planning Board. Assistants: Brian M. Nickerson, Robert P. Mitchell.

Belchertown School Committee Report

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

As in previous years, the School Committee devoted many hours performing its various responsibilities. The efficient utilization of tax dollars in maintaining the high quality of our educational system remains our number one commitment.

In spite of our best efforts, the size of the school budget continually increases. This year, the total exceeded one million dollars for the first time. There are several major reasons for these increases; namely, inflation, a gradually increasing enrollment, increased maintenance costs due to progressive aging of our buildings, increased utility costs caused in part by anti-pollution legislation, and the use of more teaching specialists to provide special help for individual students. Only the lattermost item can be voluntarily controlled to any real extent. However, the current programs in this category have proven their worth and therefore merit the increased costs. Moreover, these expenditures are mainly reimbursable and do not have full impact on our local tax burden. These programs were strengthened this year by the addition of a remedial math teacher for the elementary grades and a guidance counselor for grades seven, eight and nine.

This year we were again gratified by increased school aid from Chapter 70 (sales tax). The school department's portion of the local real estate tax burden has steadily decreased because of this and other reimbursements.

Our strong building maintenance program was continued. In addition to the usual painting of classrooms and building trim and preventative roof maintenance, the renovation of Franklin School was carried nearer to completion. Wall to wall carpeting was installed, improving appearance considerably. A small addition to the school was partially constructed, once completed, this will contain new restrooms. As an illustration of the earlier used phrase "progressive aging of our buildings", the boiler at Cold Spring School required extensive repairs. This school is now twenty years old.

During the year, we met with other town officials on many occasions. The Selectmen and/or finance committee were in attendance at most of these meetings. The problems related to the need for more town office space were discussed in detail. Our Memorial School is directly involved in most of the proposals for change. At the present time, this school has virtually no playground area and utilizes the old town hall for physical education classes in the winter. It is currently a non-ideal situation which we would not want made worse.

This year the school department suffered the loss of two very fine teachers with many years of service. Mrs. Sophia Pero who taught English and Latin at the Jr. Sr. High School and Mrs. Margaret Austin the head teacher at Memorial School, both retired. We wish them both a long and enjoyable retirement.

We sincerely appreciate the cooperation and assistance of the many people who make our school system successful. Our students, educational staff, the superintendent and his administrative staff, and our service staff (secretaries, custodians, cafeteria workers, and teacher aides) all perform their various functions admirably.

We also thank those who are not directly a part of our school system but who contribute significantly to its success. These include our town officials, taxpayers, parents and other interested townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,
William M. Russell, Chairman
Belchertown School Committee

Left to right: Dorothy A. Rhodes, Richard D. Pratt, Harold E. Mellin, Jr., John B. Curry, Jr., Secretary— School Committee. Missing is George A. Smith, Jr.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the members of the School Committee and the Citizens of Belchertown:

The constant challenge for teachers and administrators to make education more relevant for students provided the impetus for our major educational objectives in Belchertown.

Through increased emphasis on curriculum planning and through continuous evaluation of existing programs we have attempted to meet the needs of all our students in providing a strong, basic education in reading, writing and mathematics.

Our dedicated staff of teachers and principals are constantly seeking newer and better methods to make all learning situations more meaningful today in order to prepare our youth for tomorrow.

Our Elementary Schools have attempted to meet our needs in the following ways:

1. **READING PROGRAM**

The main thrust in the developmental reading program this year has been evident in the drive to provide programs and materials to meet the needs of all pupils.

In grades K-3, reading is taught is a self-contained classroom situation. This means that instruction takes place within the child's own classroom and reading is fused within the total curriculum. It is felt that reading for primary children can be made more meaningful in this way. At the fourth grade level children are grouped for reading by ability and achievement. The children leave their homeroom and go to the teacher providing instruction at their level. Grade four is the transitional grade between primary and intermediate education and this grouping is designed to prepare the children for the more sophisticated semi-departmentalized program of grades 5 and 6.

2. **LANGUAGE**

The Robert's Linguistics Series in English having been extended to grade six and now used in grades 3—6 has been received enthusiastically by pupils and teachers alike. A major goal this year is the improvement of personal and practical writing. We hope to accomplish this goal by providing extensive opportunities for writing.

3. **ARITHMETIC**

The modern math program has continued at all grade levels with ability grouping being carried on in grades four, five and six. A math committee has been formed to coordinate the elementary program with the secondary program, to study an individualized mathematics program and to upgrade math skills at all grade levels.

4. **SPECIAL SUBJECTS**

The continuation of art, music and physical education at the Elementary level has provided the pupils with necessary programs so important to their growth and development in areas other than in the basic 3-R's.

5. **SCIENCE**

An innovative science program, the Science Curriculum Improvement Study, (S.C.I.S.) began its second year of successful operation. This program is laboratory oriented and uses scientific inquiry.

6. **SPORTS**

The intramural sports program was very successful during 1972. This program provides instruction and competition for all boys and girls in grades five and six who wish to participate. Included among the sports are basketball, softball, soccer, touch football and kickball.

7. **TEACHER TRAINING**

Belchertown teachers have demonstrated their interest in the future of their profession by continuing to train teachers from the University of Massachusetts and Westfield State College. Student interns did their student teaching at Cold Spring, Franklin, Center and Memorial Schools during the Spring and the Fall of 1972.

8. **FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA**

The Future Teachers of America Tutorial Program was again carried on successfully during 1972. In this program high school youngsters tutored elementary pupils in reading and math at the elementary schools on a weekly basis. Reports have shown this to be a very worthwhile program.

9. **PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

The Pupil Personnel Services Committee was again set up in 1972 to help children having serious problems in learning. The committee is composed of the principal, Mr. Barrett; Supervisor of Reading and Perceptually Handicapped, Mrs. Avery; School Nurse, Mrs. Ayers; and the Guidance Counselor, Mr. Millett. This group meets weekly to discuss and make recommendations for pupils having problems in school such as those with: learning disabilities, physical handicaps, emotional instabilities, or limited intelligence.

10. **CONFERENCES**

In November of 1972 Parent-Teacher Conferences were scheduled at all elementary schools. The conferences were a success with over 85 percent of the parents in attendance.

11. **TESTING PROGRAM**

Our testing program was continued at all levels. The first and second grades were administered the Metropolitan Achievement Tests. The Iowa Test of Basic Skills was administered during the Fall to all children in grades three through six. In addition, special diagnostic tests were given for specific problems and individual intelligence tests such as the Stanford-Binet and the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for children were given on a referral basis. An aptitude test called the First Grade Screening Test was given to youngsters in April to determine their readiness for first grade.

The achievement tests are designed to measure the child's ability to use his learned skills in the areas of reading, language, and arithmetic. The I.Q. tests give the schools an indication of the child's capacity to understand and to reason.

12. TITLE I SUMMER PROGRAM

A federally funded Title I Summer Program was again held during the summer of 1972. Project Prepare, a six week summer program, provides the child beginning his school experience an opportunity to gain the developmental readiness needed to proceed successfully in school. This program proved very successful and hopefully will be held again next summer.

13. THE TRANSITIONAL ROOM

The Transitional Room was again established to provide for those children who were not quite ready to enter a regular first grade in September. The class is given small group instruction to better meet their individual needs and to help them move into a first grade class as soon as they showed they were ready for it.

14. ASSEMBLIES AND FIELD TRIPS

The school children of Belchertown presented several enjoyable and educational assembly programs during 1972. Grade six, the elementary chorus and the High School Band observed Memorial Day with an excellent program held on the town common. Center School observed Thanksgiving with a recreation of the original Thanksgiving Dinner. An excellent Safety Talk was given to grades four, five and six children in March by Officer Breor of the Registry of Motor Vehicles. An excellent Spring Music Concert featuring the High School Band and the elementary chorus and band was held in April. A forest fire prevention program was held at all schools in February. An excellent elementary Christmas Concert featuring the elementary band and chorus was held in December. The year 1972 was brought to a close with an excellent Christmas program at the Cold Spring School.

Educational field trips were continued during 1972 for all grades. Some of the trips taken were to the Forest Park Zoo in Springfield by grade one, to Long Plain Nature Center in Amherst by grade two and to the Quabbin Reservoir by grade three. The fourth grade visited Storrowton in West Springfield. The fifth grade visited the Springfield Museum of Science. The kindergarten classes visited the Dinosaur Museum in Granby and the Shriner's Circus in West Springfield.

15. LEARNING DISABILITIES

The Learning Disabilities Program is an outgrowth of the reading program. Each year a small group of pupils persistently failed in language arts—reading, writing and spelling—in spite of good classroom instruction and remedial help.

The learning disabilities staff evaluates each child to determine his particular style of learning. For a part of each school day these children receive small group instruction geared to their needs. Sensory motor training is also provided to reinforce the academic program. Children with learning disabilities have normal or better than average intelligence but do not learn by regular classroom methods. Frequently, they require training in body control and coordination. Concepts are mastered through feeling, touching and experiencing, rather than relying on visual and auditory stimulation. The many components of our learning disability program provide the extras that are necessary if these students are to be academically successful.

16. P.T.O.

The Parent-Teachers Organization had a busy and profitable year presenting several excellent programs. In March a very successful P.T.O. meeting and educational fair was held.

The P.T.O. sponsored movies for children once a month on Saturday afternoons for children.

Meet the Teachers Night was held once again in September and was well-attended. In December, Paul Monson, the world traveler gave an excellent slide and talk presentation on Switzerland.

17. NEW PROGRAMS

New programs being carried on in 1972 and being planned for 1973 are as follows:

a. An excellent six-week Big Ideas in Nutrition Education Workshop was held last year for all elementary teachers. The workshop was sponsored by the New England Food and Dairy Council.

b. Reading Resource Centers have been established at the Cold Spring and Franklin Schools to greatly enhance the total primary reading program. Audio-visual materials such as records, filmstrips and story tapes provide remediation and enrichment opportunities for all children. The center at Cold Spring School is staffed by mothers from the community, largely parents of primary pupils. At Franklin School the program is carried on by volunteers from the Golden Agers Club. Mothers or grandmothers may be found reading a story or showing a filmstrip to an enraptured group, or tutoring a single child who needs individual help. Materials and equipment at both centers were purchased with federal money under N.D.E.A. Title III funding.

c. Parent volunteers are also providing great assistance to the kindergarten program by actually working with small groups of pupils.

d. Under Title VI funding a remedial math teacher and two teacher aides have been hired. The remedial math teacher provides small group instruction for those pupils needing help in math.

e. One of the most important programs instituted in 1972 was the Teacher Workshops held once or twice a month. The overall goal in conducting teacher workshops is the improvement and corrdination of curriculum and instruction at all grade levels which will result in increased learning for pupils.

f. An exciting innovative social studies program was introduced during 1972 to all second grade children. The program, Family of Man, is an inquiry oriented, interdisciplinary, multi-media program for the elementary school. It is designed to help children learn how to be both nation-minded and world-minded. The Family of Man develops an understanding and appreciation of human behavior; inquiry, geographic and data-gathering skills; and concepts and generalizations from the Social Sciences. The program will in the near future, be extended to include grades 3 and 4.

g. The Family of Man social studies program is based on the curriculum development work of the University of Minnesota Project Social Studies, a five-year project funded by the U.S. office of Education.

h. Another outstanding social studies program that was introduced in 1972 is called People and Technology. This sixth grade program is a follow-up to Man-A Course of Study, the fifth grade program. Central to the course are questions that will guide their inquiry:

What is technology?

How does technology affect society?

How can we use technology to create a more human way of life?

People and Technology offers children opportunities to work directly with tools and materials, to investigate the uses of technology in their communities and to examine a series of case studies that explore the interaction of technical and social systems in a variety of historical and cultural contexts.

i. Memorial School has undergone a reorganization withhomogeneousability grouping in math and reading in the morning and heterogenous grouping in social studies and English in the afternoon. The aim of this program is to better meet the individual needs of the pupils. One of the most popular aspects of our reorganization plan has been the activity period held the last period each day. During this period the children are free to join any one of the following clubs: ecology, chess, arts and crafts, newspaper, knitting and crocheting, physical education, model building and educational games. Remedial math and reading, reading enrichment, chorus, art and music classes are also scheduled in during the activity period.

BELCHERTOWN JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL

At the High School we wish to report on the following programs:

1. GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The Guidance Department has been expanded with the addition of a Junior High Counselor. Mrs. Carole Cohen comes to Belchertown from Ursuline Academy to work with the students in Grades 7, 8, 9. This is an addition that has been greatly needed in the Junior High level. Last summer we had two of our Senior High students attend the Upward Bound Project in Northfield. This is a program which helps young people better adjust to academic situations and provides impetus in furthering their education beyond high school. It also enhances these students' chances of receiving financial aid if they do attend college. We also had four students working through the Neighborhood Youth Corps this summer. The NYC program also runs throughout the school year and had for students working at various jobs in the school.

Statistics for the Class of 1972:
35 percent went on to higher education
39 percent gained full-time employment
4 percent were unemployed
12 percent entered the Armed Forces
9 per cent married

Scholarships awarded at graduation:
Parent Teachers Organization—Mary Ellen Boileau
Student Council—Darlene Czapla
Lions Club—Darlene Czapla, Linda Burridge, Susan Choquette, Donna Lacombe
Walter L. Papp Memorial—Lyle Hislop
The Lt. Michael P. Austin Memorial Award—Nancy Brighenti, Michael Lecours
Belchertown Teachers Association—Janice Blakeslee, James Walker, Edward Curry, Katherine Hutchinson, Cindy White
Louis A. Shumway Memorial Scholarship—Paul Leclerc
Belchertown Registered Nurses Association—Helen Wedell
Holland Family Award—Michael Couture
The Steeple Memorial Scholarship—Nettie Pepe
Chauncey D. Walker Legion Auxiliary—Susan Choquette, Lyle Hislop

Graduation exercises for seventy-four seniors were held on June 1, 1972 in the high school gymnasium. This year we had Co-Valedictorians of the class of 1972 who were Cynthia White and Michael Couture. The Salutatorian was James Walker. Sharon Mechonski graduated with the highest average in the group not planning to attend college. The main address was given by the Honorable Maurice A. Donahue, Professor of Governmental Services at the University of Massachusetts.

CLASS OF 1972

Armstrong, Glenn Mallory
Barrett, Linden Hamilton
Barton, Elizabeth Ann
Berard, George William
**Blakeslee, Janice Carol
*Blakeslee, Robert David
*Boileau, Mary Ellen Beatrice
Boudreau, Lawrence James
Brennen, Arthur Howard
Brighenti, Nancy Ann
Bronner, Lawrence Joseph
Brown, Beverly Mae
Brown, Tracy Waid
Burridge, Linda Louise
Chapin, William George
Chartier, Robert Leo
**Choquette, Susan Vivian
Clark, Jerald Stacey
**Couture, Michael Raymond
**Curry, Edward Joseph
Cyr, Danny Francis
**Czapla, Darlene Mary
Czupkiewicz, Lynn Marie
*Czupryna, Irene Bernice
Dewhurst, Robert Alan
Dexter, Regina Ruth
Dickinson, Amelia Louise
Dorman, Gregory Stephen
*Dowd, Kathleen Ann
Dubuque, Michelle Dacey
Ducharme, Debra Lynn
Fish, Alan Michael
Groux, Richard Armand
Guillottee, Dorothy Ida
Hachey, Paul Charles
*Hennessey, Joanne Marie
Hennessey, Mark George
*Hess, Darwin James
Hislop, Lyle George
Horr, Phyllis Elaine
*Hutchinson, Katherine Ellen
Jackson, Mark George
Knapp, David John
*Knapp, Joyce Florence
**Lacombe, Donna Melodie
Laporte, Donald Bruce
Lavigne, Richard Henry
Leclerc, Paul Charles
Lecours, Michael Joseph
LeDuc, Andrew Peter
Lefebvre, Brian Francis
Lofland, Timothy Edward
Lysik, Eileen Marie
Madden John
*Mailloux, Rita Mary
Meaux, Alice
**Mechonski, Sharon Ann
*Mikal, Donna Marie
*Peetz, Raymond George
**Pepe, Nettie Adele
Rhodes, Jane Mary
*Rieff, Susan Claire
Scott, Sheryl Eileen
Setkewich, Darlene Rae
Shea, Daniel
Squires, Douglas Gordon
Stilwell, Deborah Ann
Towne, Roxanne Marie
Waite, Stephen Anthony
**Walker, James Joseph
Wall, George Harry
Wedell, Helen Regina
**White, Cynthia Natalie
*Wisniewski, Nicholas

**National Honor Society
*Pro Merito

National Honor Society—The fifth Annual Induction of the Aristos Chapter of the N.H.S. was held on Thursday, April 6, 1972. The main speaker was Mr. Lenz, Professor of Chemistry at the University of Massachusetts.

2. HOME ECONOMICS

During the past year, several notable events and changes occurred in Home Economics. For the first time, students planned, prepared and served a series of faculty luncheons, gaining not only practical and social skills but also better rapport with their teachers. An annual tradition may be in the making. Girls in two classes visited the School of Home Economics at the University, broadening their understanding of food preparation, clothing construction and nursery school operation. In the fall, a nursery school day was conducted at the high school, involving four classes in learning experiences with young children. In December, a group of students visited two nursing homes and a hospital to carol and to visit with patients as part of a community service unit.

There have been changes in the upper level Home Economics courses. Formerly, Home Ec. III and Home Ec. IV met concurrently. Now, Home Ec. III is a separate course keyed to the family. Home Ec IV has been replaced by two semester courses, one in advanced foods and one in tailoring. The former is especially popular with the senior boys.

F.H.A. enjoyed an active year with activities ranging from hay rides and roadside clean-up to the annual overnight convention, whose theme was "Profiles of Youth", and the traditional Christmas bazaar.

3. FOREIGN LANGUAGE

The French Department has implemented the direct, practical method of G. Mauger's **Cours de Langue et de Civilisation Francaise.** This universal method is the fruit of a long tradition of **L'Ecole Pratique de l'Alliance Francaise**, involving a dialogue between teacher and student, with visual as well as audio supplements.

1972 marked the first international field trip for B.H.S. Once in France the group traveled by train covering over 3500 kilometers. The tour began in Paris and continued to many popular villages and cities in the North, West, South and East of France as well as Monaco, Italy and Switzerland. The exposure to the history, people and customs of a foreign land proved to be such an invaluable experience for the students that a more intensive travel and study program is planned for 1973.

Spanish III participated in a Foreign Language Fair last April at the U. of M., where they were exposed to regional dances of South America and Mexico, traditional songs, various exhibits of art and handicrafts, and food specialties peculiar to certain South American countries.

4. SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

The Social Studies Department this year has instituted several curriculum changes particularly in the Junior high school. A civics and geography course has been set up to give the eighth grade better preparation for the Senior high school social studies program. Plans are now being discussed for seventh grade world studies to be incorporated in a Junior high humanities program.

In the high school curriculum we are continuing this year to improve the ninth grade team teaching that was initiated and with this in mind, a month was spent by the students studying the operation of local government. Elective courses in anthropology, humanistic seminar, and comparative philosophies were also added and have been very well received by the students.

The Social Studies Department has embarked on a series of exciting adventures this year. Mr. Shaun Bresnahan's classes in Anthropology and Primitive Man explored caves thought to be pre-columbian Irish Monk Huts in the outskirts of Belchertown. Mr. Arnold Hart and Miss Wanda Mysona in Humanistic Studies and Psychology classes are attempting to promote creative thinking and behavior which eventually will result in better understanding of our American Heritage. Mr. Robert Hansbury's world studies classes visited the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston exploring the many exhibits and world famous collections on Egypt. The Civics classes were introduced to mayor-council form of government via a lecture by the city-council president and clerk of Northampton.

5. ATHLETICS—GIRLS

This was the second year that the girls played in Bi-County League Competition in Basketball and Softball. Even though the field hockey team is not part of league competition. The girls played a victorious 9 game season with neighboring town teams. All home hockey games were, again, played on Parsons Field.

The school department purchased uniforms for the J.V. Girls' Basketball Team which made it possible for both teams to be outfitted in uniforms for interscholastic competition. The school committee also appointed a J.V. Coach in order to assist the varsity coach in competition. The town has also purchased a new backstop for the softball diamond on Parsons Field which will enable the girls to play their home games on better-kept grounds.

Nettie Pepe, senior, won the Grand Prize in an essay contest on "Sportsmanship" sponsored by the Western Mass. Small Schools Basketball Tournament.

The Modern Dance Club of B.H.S. presented their 6th Annual Dance Concert. The theme of this concert was entitled "I Got Rhythm." Preceding the program were exhibitions arranged by the Departments of Art, Home Economics and Industrial Arts.

6. ATHLETICS—BOYS

Approximately 45 percent of the student body took advantage of the intramural and inter-scholastic athletic programs offered at Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School this past year.

Full varsity and junior varsity schedules were played in soccer, basketball and baseball for boys in the Bi-County League. Volleyball and indoor hockey proved to be the most popular intramural activities. The athletic season terminated with a successful sports banquet held at Mill Valley County Club. Three outstanding athletes at the school, Edward Curry, Michael Couture, and Raymond Peetz were honored by the Bi-County League coaches by being named to the All-Star teams; Ed in basketball and baseball, Mike in baseball, and Ray in soccer. Mark Jackson was awarded the Belchertown Boosters Club Trophy for sportsmanship and leadership. Head Baseball Coach of Springfield College was guest speaker. The smorgasbord was sponsored by the Belchertown Lions Club.

7. PHYSICAL EDUCATION—BOYS

The curriculum in physical education is designed to provide the student with instruction in a wide variety of activities. These activities are selected on the basis of their physical, social, psychological, and recreational values and limited only by the framework of the physical facilities available and class size.

Curriculum development is a continuous process and it is hoped that in the future the physical education curriculum will be expanded to include such activities as tennis, golf, and archery. Many of our students earned the Presidents Physical Fitness Awards this year.

8. PHYSICAL EDUCATION—GIRLS

The girls physical education department for grades 7-12 continued in its program to develop fitness and emotional and social stability. This was accomplished through participation in skills and the acquisition of knowledge and understanding in various activities. With the emphasis placed on developing beginning skills on the Jr. high level and more advanced skills on the high school level, a program was prepared to meet the individual and group needs of the girls. The purchase of uneven parallel bars and a reuter board makes it possible to enhance the tumbling and gymnastic program and to increase the skill level of the girls.

In the fall, because of the need for Jr. high students to practice many levels of skill development, a new approach for optimum use of time will be incorporated for the girls. This is known as contract teaching. High school girls who work in the Leaders Corps program under the direction of the Girls Physical Education Dept. act as assistant teachers in contract teaching.

9. MUSIC

The music program in the Jr. Sr. High School has surpassed all levels of past production. Five student musicians were selected for participation in the Western Mass. Band and Orchestra, two will participate in All State Band, three have been selected to play in the University of Massachusetts Honor Band, two have won places in the Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestra, four are active with the Holyoke Community Band and one is a lead player with the Holyoke Community Symphony Orchestra.

The Jr. Sr. High School Band led the parade for Fair Day and has produced two public concerts as well as the annual Christmas concert which included the Elementary and High School Chorus. A most successful exchange concert was held with the Berlin High School Band from Berlin, Connecticut.

This year various guest conductors, performing groups and professional soloists have been engaged by the music department for the specific education of the music students and the general cultural enrichment of the student body. For those students who express a special interest in music and for those who desire to follow music as a vocation, Music I, Music II and the addition of Music III are offered courses. These subjects deal with harmony, theory, composition and music appreciation. In summary, the music department is now reaching a percentage of the student body that exceeds the national average for this size school. Programs and curriculum are designed to meet the musical needs of every student involved.

This past year the Belchertown Music Crusaders presented the school with an electric piano and amplifier to be used in our music program. The Air Force Band of the East once again entertained the entire student body with a fine program of musical selections in November.

The Jr. Sr. High School Chorus, numbering thirty-five members, has made a very auspicious start. The concert at Christmas time shared with the band was quite a success and we're looking forward to a "Pops" concert in the Spring. This extra curricular activity has certainly improved over past years and is now a fine asset to our music program in the high school.

10. ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The courses of study in English for the seventh through tenth grades were reorganized to include a strong concentration in English grammar. Included within this program was departmentalized testing in Grammar comprehension. A more comprehensive writing program for grades seven through twelve was instituted. This program will explore the creative as well as the mechanical approach to correctness in writing.

The success of the elective semester program for grades eleven and twelve has resulted in its continuation this year, with the addition of: Review English, Highlights of American Literature, and Highlights in English Literature.

This year the Drama Class presented a Christmas Play entitled "Red Carpet Christmas".

Our library continues to grow with the changing curriculum and the necessary book requirements that reflect this curriculum. The cooperation of the faculty in suggesting books relevant to their subject areas has been especially useful in adding to our collection.

Three publications have appeared intermittently during the year. The traditional newspaper, the BHS **ECHO**; **Imagery**, the literary magazine; and **Speak Out**, inaugurated a year ago to provide a forum for student opinion on matters of concern within the school or beyond.

Several of our students won national recognition for writing. Essays were accepted from four Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School sophomores to be published in a book of anthologies by the National Essay Press. Also, four of our high school students received certificates of acceptance for poetry to be published by the National High School Poetry Press. Mr. Roger Carey, Head of the English Department, and four of our high school students took part in a mini-workshop sponsored by the Western Mass. English Teachers. Their demonstration was on the topic "Inclusion of the Terminal Student in the Elective Curriculum".

The Future Teacher's of America Club has been active serving as teacher aides in the elementary schools.

11. SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Problem solving and the discovery approach through laboratory oriented classes continued to be the long range goals in all areas. The major emphasis was geared toward increased student involvement because the members of the Science Department feel that students learn best through active participation in science activities rather than through lectures. The department has instituted a unit approach in Grade 7 which incorporates the best from several existing programs, including IIS (Ideas and Investigations in Science) and ISCS (Intermediate Science Curriculum Study) along with original units set up by the teachers in the department. This effort has resulted in what appears to be at this time an exciting, laboratory program.

Physical Science (IIS) was continued in Grade 8.

Project CAVEAT, a multi-disciplinary project for Jr. High students provided a direct approach to ecology through carefully planned experiences at Quabbin Reservoir. Phase II of this program, funded as an exemplary Conservation project under TITLE III, NDEA, took place in May and June. Seventh graders participated and were accompanied by all their teachers who were ably assisted by several BHS graduates along with several members of the BTO whose help made the project successful. Several students attended the Science and Humanities Symposium at the University of Massachusetts.

Field trips included many areas at Quabbin, Arcadia Wildlife Sanctuary, the Fish Hatchery, Swift River Wildlife Area and the Swift River Valley Museum in New Salem, and Skinner Park.

Practical Chemistry and Household Science I and II were offered as electives. Honors Biology is unique in that it provides a modular approach to individualized instruction.

Mrs. Curry presented an original paper entitled: **A Parasitic Wasp—Research Potential Unlimited**, at the regional convention of the National Science Teachers' Association in Hartford, Conn. in October, 1972. A major effort is underway to involve more students in planning for curricular change; to find better ways to make science classes more interesting; and to establish a format for behavioral objectives as a means toward a more realistic evaluation of all science courses.

12. BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

The Belchertown High School Business Education curriculum offers intensive courses in the areas of secretarial, accounting, and basic business subjects to prepare capable students to enter the employment field upon graduation or to take advanced specialized training at college. Instruction in these courses reflect the new and rewarding opportunities introduced by this age of automation. As early as the Freshman year, students are alerted to the variety of job opportunities that would require educational and occupational training at the high school level. During the past year there has been an intensive study made of the current trends in employment and the demands of the prospective employer through contacts with personnel managers, and field trips to businesses for personal observation of methods, facilities, and facts of employment. The teachers of business subjects have attended many courses, seminars, and workshops.

As a result of some of the studies made, it was felt that a new course should be added to the curriculum. Recordkeeping was offered as an elective semester course. On several occasions businessmen of the community have visited the classroom to share with the business students their knowledge of a particular area of study such as business law and insurances.

13. MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

The mathematics department is giving increasing attention to the spiral notion of learning. This idea means, simply, an awareness of the need to review previous work for the sake of enhancing its retention. Some review is carried out by written assignments. Usually, the initial segment of a class period is devoted to review.

A course in Review Mathematics has been offered for several years, but this year there are several students working successfully on an individual basis. This permits scheduling in such a way that a rigid class period schedule may be by-passed. In the same way, scheduling is flexible for the course Introductory Calculus I, since this is a programmed course. Continuation of the new mathematics series was provided for by the addition of Elementary Geometry I. This series enables students to reach more specific goals than those obtainable by studying a wide variety of topics in general mathematics courses.

14. INDUSTRIAL ARTS DEPARTMENT

The Junior High Industrial Arts curriculum for grades 7 & 8 was again reinstituted this year. Mr. Frederick Very was added to the teaching staff thus enabling us to offer several more courses in the vocational field, namely Mechanical Drawing I & II and Shop Math. These courses should prove most beneficial to the students in the Industrial Arts program.

New equipment has been added in the shop area and upon required completion of electrical work and installations, courses in the plastics and silk screening fields will be added to the Industrial Arts curriculum.

Several field trips were made by the Industrial Arts classes. One of which was to Westover Air Force Base, which was very interesting to our students as they viewed the drafting and engineering departments.

15. HEALTH

In September 1972 the Health Education program now a part of the high school curriculum was given to the entire 7th grade. The purchase of text books and some added printed material on various topics, has made it possible to study more topics concerned with today's youth problems. The course concentrates on Drugs and Drug Abuse together with one's understanding of his physical, mental and emotional make-up.

Highlights of the course was an informative presentation by patrolman James Tucker of the Belchertown Police Department on the many kinds of drugs and their abuses.

16. REMEDIAL READING

The evaluation of the worth of giving course credit to qualifying Juniors and Seniors as tried last year led to its continuation. This year enrollment has increased. Assistance is also available for those students having difficulty in a subject area. In cooperation with the English Department it is hoped that a more comprehensive tutorial program can be evolved in the future.

17. STUDENT COUNCIL

The Belchertown Junior Senior High School Student Council is continuing its basic operating theme, "B.H.S. Student Council involvement in the world community".

This year the council again headed the annual Danny Thomas St. Jude drive for cancer research. The Council maps out the Belchertown area and assigns student volunteer collectors to canvass the area.

In May the council held a Cake Auction for 8 year old Laurie Wrona to help with financial needs for further extensive heart surgery.

The Student Council sponsored the All-American Redheads, a professional girls' basketball team in an All-Star game in November. This game was for the benefit of its Community Service Fund and was outstandingly supported by the town.

A Certificate of Merit was bestowed upon the Student Council for their continuing kindness to the children of the Belchertown State School this year.

19. AUDIO-VISUAL

The Audio-Visual Department of the Junior-Senior High School has purchased a Voice of Music reel to reel tape recorder, several cassettes and replaced some worn out equipment. We continued our membership in the largest film library at Boston University. Membership in the Abraham Kasher Memorial Film Library enables us to take advantage of a wide range of films.

20. PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

The Belchertown Jr. Sr. Photography Club has been reorganized this year in order to provide extended services for our students and the community. New this year is the Photography Club's own darkroom, designed by Mr. Les Campbell. This facility will be available to any Photography Club member who has proven himself competent according to the club's rating system. The darkroom will not only provide students with the equipment necessary to constantly improve photographic skills, but will also greatly facilitate news coverage of school and community events. Members of the Photography Club will also have the opportunity to display their finished prints on two large display boards that have been set up by the club in the foyer of the high school.

21. HUMANITIES

This fall Mrs. Judith Oberholtzer has undertaken to run a pilot program involving the humanities in grades 7 & 8. This involved mostly the subject areas of Art and Music.

Classes met for nine weeks, meeting six periods per week. Stress being placed on appreciation and applied work. Some of the "special" projects which have been done so far this year are: A visit to the Springfield Fine Arts Museum for a guided tour and a visit to the High School by Mrs. Fukuko Rhodes of Belchertown who related memories and reflections of her life in Japan.

The Humanities Club of Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School is a voluntary student organization drawing its number from all levels of our Jr. Sr. High School.

The club has developed a unique function and purpose, that is, community and environmental action! In the past three years the club has been successful in its fight to save Alaskan Wilderness and the Harp seal, thousands of letters were sent to the Secretary of the Interior and many students received letters back congratulating them on a successful fight.

In the realm of community action, the club has sponsored such activities as Thanksgiving food baskets, Christmas toys for Joy and Easter clothing gifts to members of our school and town community.

On the international level, the Humanities Club has recently started a campaign to send money to the disaster ridden area of Central America, all with the hopes of enlightening the member of the club to live in our community and world around us.

22. SPECIAL EVENTS AND AREAS

The Senior Class presented a production of "Arsenic and Old Lace" as the Senior Play. Dramatic Awards for outstanding performance were given to Amy Dickinson, Nettie Pepe, Larry Boudreau and Alan Fish. The Student Government Day delegates were Raymond Peetz and Nettie Pepe. The Annual Senior Trip to Washington, D.C., which included many places of historical significance, was made during the Spring vacation. School Citizen of the Year was Darlene Czapla.

Senior privileges regarding arrival and dismissal were instituted for the current academic year.

Policies on students taking courses in area colleges were instituted as well as a school drug policy.

Donna Lacombe, senior, was chosen to represent B.H.S. as D.A.R. good citizen of the year.

In the realm of students rights and responsibilities the use of a demerit system as a substitute for the former detention system came into being this past fall. It was approved by the School Committee on a year's trial basis. Most relevant and important is the fact that it returns to the students themselves the responsibility for controlling their behavior.

American Education Week was recognized this year on October 26th with an Open House program in which many students and all faculty members were involved. It was planned to give parents as realistic a classroom experience as possible and proved to be most successful and was enjoyed by both parents and students.

This year an advisory committee of five students was elected to meet with the School Committee every second month. The election of the student group provides for the expression of student views on decisions affecting the high school. We are also represented on the State Regional Student Advisory Committee at Springfield. Thomas Ablicki is this year's B.H.S. representative.

The five year progress report of the high school was accepted at a meeting of the Commission on Public Secondary Schools in September. This report is a part of the accreditation procedure administered by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges as a follow up on the recommendations made by the evaluating committee which visited the high school in 1967. The commission commended the faculty and administration for the significant number of valid recommendations which have been carried out and noted the schools plans of strengthening school community relations.

To meet the needs of our students education has become increasingly more expensive. These increases can be attributed to many different reasons such as inflation, increased bussing, increase in maintenance costs as our school buildings get older, an increase in tuition costs at neighboring vocational schools, and last but not least an increase in state-mandated services. Actually the cost of education to the Belchertown real estate tax payer has decreased in the last four years due mainly to the increase in reimbursements from the Commonwealth. The School Tax in 1969 was $31.25 and in 1972 it had decreased by $3.17 to $28.08. This state share of educational costs is still not sufficient compared to most other states where the state government furnishes a much larger percentage of the cost and the real estate tax payer pays a small percentage for the cost of schools. The School Department appreciates the support given by the tax payers to the schools and pledges to provide the best education possible for each dollar spent.

The members of the Belchertown School Committee deserve the heartfelt thanks of all Belchertown citizens for the long unpaid hours spent to provide a good education for our youth, while fighting the never ending battle to keep costs within reason.

In closing I urge all citizens to visit our schools, enjoy our musical programs, cheer at our sporting events, enroll in an evening class to improve skills or figure, marvel at the excellent condition of the buildings or volunteer to work with a child who has learning problems. You will profit from any and all of these experiences and so will the schools.

Respectfully submitted,
John B. Curry, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

School Financial Report

Budget 1972	$1,104,690.00	
Less P.L. 874 March 1972	-229.36	
Less P.L. 864 March 1972	-1,344.34	
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Total to be raised by Appropriation	$1,103,116.30	
Plus P.L. 864 August 1972		$4,036.01
Plus P.L. 874 Dec. 1972		3,000.00
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		$7,036.01
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TOTAL		$1,111,726.01

TOTAL APPROPRIATION EXPENDED 1972	$1,102,857.47
UNEXPENDED 1972	258.83

Reimbursements:

Paid to Town from Sources Other than local taxation:

A. Chapter 70 (School Aid)	$384,535.35
B. Chapter 71 (Transportation)	69,991.04
C. Chapter 69 (Special Ed.)	30,326.00
D. Chapter 76 (State Wards)	6,046.00
E. Chapter 74 (Voc. Ed.)	12,663.00
F. Chapter 74 (Evening School)	1,711.00
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	$505,272.39

Recapitulations:

Total Cost of Schools	$1,111,467.18
Less P.L. 874	3,229.36
Less P.L. 864	5,380.35
Offset to 1973 Taxes	505,272.39
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Actual Cost to Town 1972	$597,585.08
Actual Cost to Town 1971	597,274.75
Actual Cost to Town 1970	575,590.01
Actual Cost to Town 1969	567,168.19

Proposed Budget January 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974

CATEGORY	BUDGET 1972	BUDGET 1973	% INC.	BUDGET 1974 Jan.-June	TOTAL
1000 Administration	$35,890.	$35,283.	-.01	$17,365.	$52,648.
1000 Out of State	200.	200.		200.	400.
2000 Instruction	740,826.				
-P.L. 874	3,000.				
-P.L. 864	4,036.01				
TOTAL	$747,862.01	$798,634.	+ .07	$547,848.	$1,346,482.
2000 Out of State	500.	200.	-.60	200.	400.
3000 Other Services	138,111.	151,387.	+ .09	99,293.	250,680.
4000 Maintenance	143,577.	158,468.	+ .10	65,970.	224,438.
7000 Fixed Assets	4,814.	0	0	0	0
9000 Programs	40,772.	44,789.	+ .09	27,965.	72,754.
TOTAL	$1,111,726.01	$1,188,961.		$758,841.	$1,947,802.

Left to right: David G. Hodgen, Bernard F. Wilkes, Edward H. Gates, Donald C. McKenney, Kenneth H. Snow—Town Finance Committee.

Report of School Nurse

During the course of 1972 school year over 1,300 students were enrolled in the Belchertown School system. All of these students were weighed and measured at the beginning of the school year, with notices given to the overweight and underweight pupils in the K-6th grade.

Vision screening exams were administered to all pupils, with 84 referrals to private physicians. This screening is a primary test to identify those children who are most likely to be benefitted through professional ophthalmic services.

Hearing exams were administered to all pupils. Fifty-two pupils were referred to private physicians for consultation.

Physical exams were performed on all students in K, 4, 7 & 11th grade, and all the athletes and cheerleaders, by our school doctor K.L. Collard, M.D. Parents were made aware of the positive findings and recommendations made for further diagnosis and treatment when indicated.

The health course, which was instituted last year in the Jr. High, has been intensified in the 7th grade. Formal health courses are coming into focus as a much needed educational experience for every student.

Free immunization clinics have been held in conjunction with Mrs. Charlotte Ketchen, RN of our local Board of Health. In January, 246 children were immunized against mumps. In February, 135 children were immunized against German Measles. All of the town employees desiring protection against Flu virus were innoculated in October. Three D.P.T. clinics were conducted for pre-schoolers.

At this writing, D.P.T., measles and polio innoculations are required for admission to our school system. Anticipated legislation will require immunization against rubella (German Measles) and mumps for school entrance by September 1973.

By the recent act of Massachusetts legislature Small pox vaccinations will no longer be a requirement for children entering school.

Classroom, parent, family and student consultation remain an important factor of my position.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Ayers, R.N.
School Nurse

Registrar of Voters—left to right: Mrs. M. Rose Sarrell, Mrs. Mary T. Carr, Mrs. Ethel H. Hawkins.

Pathfinder Regional School Committee

In 1972 actual construction of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School began.

In January the Emergency Finance Board gave their approval for the District to borrow the money to build the school. The Pathfinder Committee worked closely with the architects to design the best possible school within the $4,000,000 estimate. Many field trips were taken to view various construction methods, namely: exterior block treatment, synthetic flooring for gymnasiums, different agribusiness programs and facilities, color schedules, etc.

In March the Committee sold $3,525,000 in school bonds to the National Shawmut Bank and Associates at a rate of 5.2 percent to be paid over 20 years. A premium of 100.47557 was paid which amounted to $16,763.84 for the Pathfinder District.

Specifications for the school building were prepared by the architect, accepted by the State Department of Education, and put out to bid. On May 17 a contract was signed with the F.W. Madigan Company of Worcester for $3,496,265 to construct a school of approximately 100,000 square feet for 450 pupils. The school will have a white lavacrete block exterior, electric heat and air conditioning. Ten shop areas, a gymnasium, cafetorium, tea room, library, business lab, science lab and guidance area are included as well as the regular classrooms. Site clearance and preparation began late in May and a ground-breaking ceremony was held on June 7 to officially begin the project. By the end of 1972 the school was about 41 percent complete. With acceptable weather for the remainder of the winter we should open on schedule in September of 1973.

In January, Superintendent-Director Ahern met with approximately 140 prospective teachers to review the qualifications that must be met for certification by the State to teach in a vocational-technical school. The office is currently receiving applications from potential teachers and employees; and applications are still available at the Pathfinder Office in the St. Ann School for anyone who is interested.

School Committee members who were re-elected this year for three-year terms include Harry Uguccioni of Palmer, Norman Walker of New Braintree and David Staples of Belchertown. The Committee held their annual reorganizational meeting and elected Harry Uguccioni Chairman; David Staples, Vice-Chairman; Marguerite C. McKelligett, Secretary; and Virginia A. Roberts, Treasurer. The Committee meets on the first Thursday of the month at the School Office in the St. Ann School with other meetings scheduled as necessary.

After reviewing a number of applications for clerk of the works, Walter Papp of Belchertown was selected. Mr. Papp's expertise has proved invaluable throughout the entire project.

Mr. Ahern has been able to pick up quite a bit of equipment for the school from government surplus warehouses at a large monetary saving to the District.

Excess equipment that has been acquired to date:

Description of Item	**Gov't Cost**	**Our Cost**
3 drafting machines	$103 each	$5 each
5 typewriters	$211 each	$4 each
2 typewriters	$228 each	$2 each
1 milling machine	$3,000	$100
2 electric typewriters	$428 each	$7 each
1 grain storage bin	$290	$10
1 drill press	$750	$150
1 lathe	$3,000	$250
1 shaper	$3,500	$250
1 lathe	$3,500	$350
2 oscilloscopes	$824 total	92.60 these six items
3 oscillators	$455 total	
1 surface plate	$125	

Beginning in April, fourteen advisory committee, comprised of local citizens, met to review architectural layouts and equipment needs for each of the different areas of the school. The vast knowledge of these people in business and industry will continue to be utilized by Pathfinder to provide the very best training for our students.

Because of State Law we were faced with the difficult task of preparing the budget for our first year of operation for eighteen months instead of the usual twelve months. The Pathfinder Committee met with the Selectmen and Finance Committees on November 26 to review the proposed budget. A Public Hearing was held on November 29 after which the Committee formally adopted the Budget for the Transitional Year—January 1, 1973 through June 30, 1974.

It is anticipated that Pathfinder will open in September of 1973 with approximately 330 pupils—9th, 10th and 11th graders and some post-graduate students. An adult evening program is scheduled to begin in January of 1974.

David A. Staples

Housing Authority

The Belchertown Housing Authority's 48 units of State Aided Housing for the Elderly were completed on August 26, 1972, and opened for occupancy on September 1, 1972.

The four apartment buildings, consisting of twelve units each, are situated on a four acre tract on Everett Avenue, with a centrally located Community Building containing the Housing Authority's office, an all-purpose or recreation room, and laundry facilities for the Tenants' use.

The State Aided 667-1 program is open to individuals and couples 65 years of age or older who have a maximum **NET** income of $3,500.00 for an individual and $4,000.00 for a couple.

As of December 31, 1972, eighty percent of the apartments were occupied.

Louis J. Austin, Chairman
Edmund F. Wallace
Arlan V. Skinner
Kenneth W. Thayer
Edna H. Camp

Sewer Commission

We were very pleased with the results of the survey and sealing system that was started in 1971. Therefore, we followed through again in 1972 with a total of 3,274 feet inspected and sealed. Some sections of the Howard Street easement were found to be in very poor condition. These will have to be excavated and repaired.

A great deal of time and work has been put into the sewer disposal treatment area at the Belchertown State School, which would increase the efficiency of the plant. It looks like next year will be the big year for installing a new interceptor main from the intersection of Routes 9 and 202 to the existing treatment plant. This is deemed necessary to handle the increased burden of added expansion to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Brougham, Chairman
Preston Atwood, Clerk
Peter Whittaker

In Memoriam

Alton B. Hull Jr.

Nov. 30th, 1927 - June 30, 1972

The Hulls moved to Belchertown in May of 1963, and have since bought a home and decided to make Belchertown their home. Alton or "Abbie" as he was better known to all of his friends, joined right into town & civic affairs and became a member of the Finance committee as he believed in Belchertown, and wanted to become part of Town Government.

He was also a member of the Belchertown Lions Club - Abbie will be missed by all of us and we have dedicated this report in his honor.

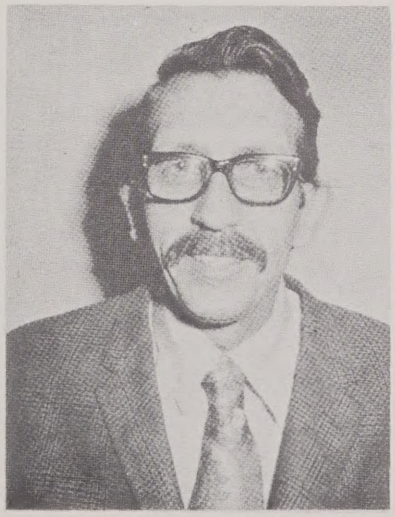
Board of Selectmen

Interim Report (of the Municipal Building & Site Study Committee)

Appointed by the Board of Selectmen in April, 1972, The Municipal Building and Site Study Committee undertook the problem of unraveling the numerous proposals to relocate or rebuild existing town buildings and municipal facilities which have become obsolete with the growth of the town.

An overall study indicated that the immediate relocation of the Town Highway Garage, and its adjacent salt pile, was imperative. The committee approved a new site at the former Belchertown State School Poultry Farm. Tours of highway departments in several neighboring towns were made to study the construction of their new buildings. Further work on this project is dependent upon final approval of the land grant pending in the state legislature.

In an effort to reach a long-term answer to the need for larger administrative offices, the committee conducted an in-depth survey of all suitable town buildings and the cost of remodeling them. The best solution found was to build an interior stairway in Lawrence Memorial Hall, redesign several of the downstairs offices to accommodate the Town Clerk, Town Accountant and Board of Selectmen, using the upstairs offices for the Assessors and other departments. This plan was tentatively approved by the Board of Selectmen.



Several other options have become available in the interim, and the committee is continuing its study with the idea of improving the long-range physical needs of all departments at a cost the town can afford.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley A. Dorey, Chairman
Charles W. Jackson
George B. Jackson
Harold E. Mellin, Jr.
Eleanor L. Schmidt

Veterans' Agent Report

During the year of 1972 the Veteran's Department has had an appreciable increase in the number of applications for benefits. We have had a case load this year of over thirty families. Some of these were granted aid because of failure to receive their education checks on time, some because of injuries that made them unable to work for a few months. Some received partial aid, some full aid, some medical aid. All cases have been reviewed by me on a monthly basis to determine continued eligibility.

These monthly reviews have been a very time consuming job, but have weeded out a few malingerers.

The reviews were only possible because of the Selectmen allowing me a part time clerk. My clerk spends many hours each week typing forms, forms, and more forms, making and receiving calls from the Veteran's office in Boston, area hospitals, physicians' offices, and recipients of aid. Many of these calls come to her because I can only be reached one night a week at the office and that night is only too often interrupted because the Board of Selectmen need to use the office.

Which statement leads to another problem and the very crucial need for an office of my own where my business can be carried on in privacy and with the knowledge that I will definitely be available to confer with anyone who has a problem in the area of Veteran's Services. Many of these problems are of a personal nature and people can hardly be blamed for reticence in discussing them when we are constantly interrupted. Sometimes a bit more discussion could lead to a quicker answer from me or to the ironing out of some difficulty they find themselves in.

I have been able this past year to perform many of the little extras that are part of this job such as getting forms from the Veteran's Administration, and in one case I am trying to aid a Veteran in getting his Blue Cross and Blue Shield benefits restored. They were allowed to elapse because the clauses pertaining to conversion at discharge were not fully explained to him.

It has overall been a rewarding year which I feel has led to increased efficiency in my department. I, of course, appreciate the cooperation I have received from the Board of Selectmen, area physicians and the Administrator of the Susan Bridgman Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Earl F. Henrichon,
Veterans Agent

Earl F. Henrichon—Veterans' Agent, Milton A. Butler—Veterans' Graves Officer.

Selectmen's Liaisons to the Highway Department

The 1972 Spring season proved to be a costly one for the Town in terms of snow removal costs and a late spring, bringing about a late start on our summer projects. Although some work was attempted, very little could be accomplished due to the last season.

The prolonged spring contributed greatly to the need for the 316 tons of hot patch and the 120 tons of cold patch that were applied during the year. This work is all hand work, requiring many man-hours of labor. During the summer our crew applied 45,724 gallons of oil to penetrate new road surfaces. During the season 3,006 yards of gravel were used on the various Town projects.

An increasing problem of late years has been the drainage of water. If water is allowed to remain on or under a road, the surface deteriorates rapidly. This last year we installed 684 feet of pipe for drainage. Winter ice problems can be alleviated many times by the installation of good drainage.

Our crew prepared the surface on Route 21 for $6,000 worth of hot-top applied by a private contractor. This completed another section of this project. Another two years or so should complete this project.

Every year for the past several years we have been replacing our wooden bridges with metal culvert. This program is nearly completed. The last wooden bridge to be replaced is on Gold Street at Knight's Reservoir. This may be a two-year project. In 1972 we replaced the wooden bridge on Kopec Avenue. This required a large culvert for Jabish Brook, and additional money was required to complete the project. Money was taken from Highways General to pay for the additional costs.

The Town Highway crew hauls gravel for covering the dump. Between January and May we hauled over 3,000 yards from Ballou's bank for this purpose. Since then we have located and developed our own gravel supply at the location. Nearly one day a week is spent at this work.

We would be remiss if we did not call attention to the fact that our Highway Department is changing. We have been moving away from many hand-labor operations and toward the increasing use of machinery. In the interest of efficiency we must increase the use of machinery. The days of large crews of unskilled laborers are over. We formerly took our Highway crews from the welfare rolls. Today we must turn more and more to machinery to hold our costs and maintain our highways. This year we are asking for a small loader-backhoe for Highway Department use. Skilled workers are more and more in demand for new levels of efficiency.

William H. Squires, Jr.
Andrew T. Sears

Tree Warden & Supt. of Insect Pest Control

I hereby submit my report for 1972 as Tree Warden and local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control.

Tree Warden: This department did the usual amount of trimming low, dead and dangerous limbs. Thirty two dead or dangerous trees were removed. Five storms caused much damage to trees. Twenty Rock Maples were planted in various sections of town.

Dutch Elm disease: Forty-six trees were tested and condemned with Dutch Elm Disease plus fifteen left from last year. Forty-eight of these were removed and destroyed.

Insect Pest Control: Methoxychlor was used to spray elm trees twice this year. There was a bad outbreak of Gypsy Moth particularly the sections near Ludlow and Granby. These pests were sprayed with Carbaryl. Some scouting was done in the Turkey Hill section. Egg clusters were painted with creosote.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert W. Brown
Tree Warden & local Superintendent
of Insect Pest Control

Albert W. Brown, Tree Warden

Albert LePage Superintendent of Streets.

Town Election March 6, 1972

(* Denotes elected)

Office Name	Prec. A	Prec. B	Totals
Moderator, 1 year			
*Charles W. Jackson	965	146	1111
Blanks	205	41	246
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	1170	187	1357
Town Clerk, 1 year			
Jack Hulmes, Jr.	384	77	461
*Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	526	71	597
Pauline C. Johnson	254	34	288
Blanks	6	5	11
	——	——	——
	1170	187	1357
Selectman, 3 years			
Eleanor L. Schmidt	472	64	536
*Parker Ketchen	522	77	599
Richard E. Lambert	153	41	194
Blanks	23	5	28
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	1170	187	1357
Selectman, 2 years			
Alton Bee Hull, Jr.	466	53	519
*Andrew T. Sears	543	106	649
Lee A. Lamoureux	128	21	149
Blanks	33	7	40
	——	——	——
	1170	187	1357
Treasurer, 1 year			
Jack Hulmes, Jr.	375	75	450
*Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	525	77	602
Pauline C. Johnson	261	33	294
Blanks	9	2	11
	——	——	——
	1170	187	1357
Tax & Town Collector			
Pauline C. Johnson	263	40	303
*Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	526	74	600
Jack Hulmes, Jr.	371	72	443
Blanks	10	1	11
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	1170	187	1357

School Committee, 3 years

*Dorothy A. Rhodes	770	136	906
*George A. Smith, Jr.	889	139	1028
Barbara C. McKelligot	1	-	1
Donald E. Dunbar	1	-	1
Blanks	679	99	778
	2340	374	2714

Planning Board, 5 years

*Donald S. Cole	743	158	901
James H. Hedlund	388	23	411
Blanks	39	6	45
	1170	187	1357

Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years

*Edward L. Fuller	922	117	1039
James A. Beachell	194	60	254
Blanks	54	10	64
	1170	187	1357

Assessor, 3 years

*Samuel Jay Joyal	1022	160	1182
Blanks	148	27	175
	1170	187	1357

Sewer Commissioner, 3 years

*Peter A. Whittaker	986	161	1147
Blanks	184	26	210
	1170	187	1357

Sewer Commissioner, 2 years

*Alfred P. Atwood	989	151	1140
Blanks	181	36	217
	1170	187	1357

Tree Warden, 1 year

*Albert W. Brown	1030	169	1199
Bruce C. Smith	1	-	1
Blanks	139	18	157
	1170	187	1357

Board of Health, 3 years

*James A. Bonafini, Sr.	968	152	1120
Blanks	202	35	237
	1170	187	1357

Housing Authority, 4 years

*Arlan V. Skinner	1048	150	1198
Blanks	122	37	159
	1170	187	1357

Housing Authority, 1 year

*Louis J. Austin	993	164	1157
Blanks	177	23	200
	1170	187	1357

Regional School District Comm., 3 years

*David A. Staples	967	146	1113
Blanks	203	41	244
	1170	187	1357

Question /1 (License Beano)

Yes	972	155	1127
No	154	18	72
Blanks	44	14	58
	1170	187	1357

Votes cast on March 6, 1972	1170	187	1357

Registered voters at Belchertown

Democrat	395	103	498
Republican	490	50	540
Independent	946	180	1126
	1831	333	2164

Attest:
Pauline C. Johnson
Town Clerk

Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held March 13, 1972

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Registered voters present 203. (Quorum required—25)
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.
Invocation given by Rev. Joseph A. Burke
Outstanding Citizen Award presented to Aubrey D. Lapolice, by the Board of Selectmen.
Gold Headed Cane awarded to Eldest Male Citizen—William P. Morris—Age 93, by the Board of Selectmen.
Gavel awarded to Charles W. Jackson, in appreciation of his services os Moderator, by the Board of Selectmen.
Mr. Edward O. Lofland, Commander of Chauncey Walker Post 239, presented two Citations for Meritorious Service; one was accepted by Chief Louis Fuller for the Belchertown Firefighters Association, and the second was accepted by President Raymond L.

Breton for the Belchertown Police Association.

Art. 1—Nominated and elected Mrs. Sophia M. Pero and Mrs. Ruth B. Fuller as Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Mrs. Rachel G. Shumway as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 2—Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town and of any Committee that may have been appointed by the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 3—Voted to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library Account the sum of $486.94, the dog license refund of 1971. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 4—Voted to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, at hourly rates not to exceed the following: Assessors, Sewer Commissioners, and Tree Warden at $2.75 per hour; and the Cemetery Commissioners at $2.00 per hour. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 5—Voted to transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $2,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 6—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $32,998.00, and to meet said appropriation the sum of $4,190.00 is to be raised by taxation and the balance thereof to wit; $28,808.00 is to be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury for Chapter 81 Highways. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 7—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $44,000.00, and to meet said appropriation the sum of $11,000.00 is to be raised by taxation and the balance thereof of wit; $33,000.00 is to be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury for Chapter 90 Highways Construction (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 8—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $18,000.00, and to meet said appropriation the sum of $6,000.00 is to be raised by taxation and the balance thereof to wit; $12,000.00 is to be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury for Chapter 90 Highways Maintenance. (Vote—Unanimous Yes;

Art. 9—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000.00 for the improvement of the following streets, all public ways:

Gold Street
Ludlow Street
Allen Street
Federal Street
Shaw Street
Wilson Street
Howard Street
North Street
Munsell Street
Michael Sears Road
Summit Street
Bardwell Street

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 10—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $11,300.00 to purchase and equip a new dump truck for the Highway Department. (Vote—Majority Yes)

Art. 11—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $945.00 to purchase and equip a new snow plow for the Highway Department. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 12—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,100.00 to purchase and equip a new Police Cruiser. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 13—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $825.00 to purchase a new Police Radio. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 14—Voted to fix the salaries and compensation for all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, money for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for these purposes as specifically designated under the direction of the respective officers, boards, and committees of the Town. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 14(a)—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $17,485.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Fiance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 14 (b)—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $67,216.00 for Protection of Persons and Property, each item and amount recommended in the Finance

Left to right: Louis E. Fuller, Fire Chief being presented with a citation for Fire Dept. Meritorious Service by The American Legion Commander Edward O. Lofland.

Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 14 (c)—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $44,728.00 for Health and Sanitation, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 14 (d)—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $80,126.00 for Highways and Sidewalks, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 14 (e)—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $28,400.00 for the Veterans' Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 14 (f)—Voted to appropriate the sum of $1,104,690.00 to defray the following itemized expenses of the School Department:

Administration	$ 35,890.00
Administration-Out-of-State Travel	200.00
Instruction	740,826.00
Instruction-Out-of-State Travel	500.00
Other School Services	138,111.00
Operation and Maintenance	143,577.00
Fixed Assets	4,814.00
Programs with other Schools	40,772.00

and to meet said appropriation the sum of $1,344.34 is to be transferred from unexpended funds in the Public Law Account #864; the sum of $229.36 is to be transferred from unexpended funds in the Public Law Account #874 and the balance thereof to wit; $1,103,116.30 is to be raised by taxation. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 14 (g)—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,800.00 for the Clapp Memorial Library, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 14 (h)—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,220.00 for Parks, Beach and Recreation, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 14 (i)—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,800.00 for Cemeteries, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 14 (j)—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $67,004.50 for Pensions and Insurance, each item and amount in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 14 14 (k)—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,410.00 for Unclassified Items, each item and amount in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 14 (l)—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $92,714.00 for Maturing Debt and Interest, each item and amount in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 15—Voted to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue for the financial years beginning January 1, 1972, and January 1, 1973, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 16—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars ($200.00) for the use of the Conservation Commission. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 17—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,968.21 to pay the Town's apportioned share of the operating budget of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 18—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $16,526.99 to pay the Town's apportioned share of the interest on the bond of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 19—Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1971:

Massachusetts General Hospital	$ 22.50
Roland N. Tessier, M.D.	28.00
Samuel Klibanoff, M.D.	15.00
Sandra G. Goding, M.D.	30.00
American Legion Post 239	75.00
Quabbin Printing Company, Inc.	27.00
New England Telephone	33.70
Mary Lane Hospital	469.45
Cooley Dickinson Hospital	7.84

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 20—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred dollars ($600.00) for the purchase of three (3) 5-stall collapsible voting booths. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 21—Voted to accept the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 97A, as amended, establishing a Police Department within the Town of Belchertown. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 22—Voted to adopt the following By-Law concerning the conduct of Town Caucuses:

By-Law regulating conduct of Town Caucuses under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 53, Section 121.

1. The Town Clerk shall preside until the election of a Chairman.

2. Town Caucuses for the nomination of candidates for Town Offices shall be held each year on the fourth Tuesday of January.

3. Nominations for each office shall be made orally from the floor unless the Caucus shall vote otherwise. Nominations shall be voted upon in one ballot unless the Caucus shall vote otherwise. If more than two (2) persons are nominated to be candidates for one office, the two (2) persons receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be declared nominated for such office; but if two (2) or more persons are to be elected to the same office at such election, the several persons, to a number equal to twice the number so to be elected to such office, receiving at such Caucus the highest number of votes, the second highest number of votes, and so on to the number to be nominated shall be the candidates whose names shall be printed on the official ballots to be used at such election.

4. All votes shall be cast by written ballot on a form to be prepared by the Town Clerk. Such ballots shall be filled out and deposited then and there in a box in the presence of the Chairman. As to each ballot cast, when all persons present at the Caucus and desiring to vote have voted, the Chairman shall then open the box, count the ballot and declare the vote. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 23—Voted to amend the Town By-Laws by adding the following section at the end of ARTICLE VIII thereof:

ARTICLE VIII, Section 8, Clause b. All regular full time employees of the Town other than elected officials and those appointed by the School Committee who have been regularly employed by the Town for a period of not less than fifty-two (52) consecutive weeks, shall be allowed not more than twelve (12) days sick leave in each year of regular consecutive employment, providing that such sick leave allowances not used in any particular year may not be accumulated for use in subsequent years. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 24—Voted to take no action on this article. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 25—Voted that the use of sodium chloride, and other chemicals for the removal of ice and snow, be restricted to the maximum of 10% by weight in a sandsalt mixture on the highways, and other ways in the Town of Belchertown. (Vote—Majority Yes)

Art. 26—Voted to appropriate the sum of $11,800.00 to purchase and equip a new ambulance, and to meet said appropriation that the sum of $5,900.00 shall be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury pending partial reimbursement under the provisions of Public Law #89-564-Section 402 C and that the balance thereof to wit; $5,900.00 be expended from the funds to be given to the Town for this purpose by the Belchertown Policemen's Association. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 27—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 to equip a new ambulance. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 28—Voted to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Belchertown Policemen's Association to sell a 1959 Cadillac Ambulance to the said Association for the sum of one dollar ($1.00). (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 29—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $750.00 for a preliminary road layout at the Central Vermont Railroad underpass on North Washington Street. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 30—Voted to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $20,000.00 for use by the Assessors, to reduce the tax rate. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 31—Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. 32—Voted to reduce the appropriation for Assessors Maps voted under Article 30 of the 1970 Annual Town Meeting from twenty-seven thousand dollars ($27,000.00) to nineteen thousand dollars ($19,000.00), to recind so much of said vote under Article 30 as relates to the borrowing of money; and in lieu of such borrowing to meet said appropriation as so reduced to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) to be added to and combined with the nine thousand dollars ($9,000.00) already raised and appropriated under said Article 30. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

Appropriations voted by Annual Town Meeting held March 13, 1972

Art. No. Budget or Dept.	Raised	Available	Free Cash
1. None			
2. None			
3. Clapp Memorial Library		486.94	
4. None			
5. Road Machinery Expense		2,000.00	
6. Chapter 81, Highways	4,190.00		28,808.00
7. Chapter 90, Constr., Highways	11,000.00		33,000.00
8. Chapter 90, Maint., Highways	6,000.00		12,000.00
9. Streets, sundry, improvement (12)	20,000.00		
10. Dump Truck—Highway Dept.	11,300.00		
11. Snow Plow—Highway Dept.	945.00		
12. Police Cruiser	3,100.00		
13. Police Radio	825.00		
14. Itemized budgets			
1) General Government			
1. Moderator, Expenses	25.00		
2. Finance Committee, expenses	150.00		
3. Selectmen, salaries (Chmn 1000.00, 4@ 800.00)	4,200.00		
expenses	3,000.00		
4. Zoning By-Law Agent, salary	400.00		
expenses	150.00		
5. Accountant, salary	6,300.00		
wages	1,500.00		
expenses	1,135.00		
6. Treasurer, salary	3,200.00		
wages	3,040.00		
expenses	1,110.00		
7. Town Clerk, salary	1,600.00		
wages	1,000.00		
expenses	725.00		
8. Collector, salary	3,400.00		
wages	2,470.00		
expenses	1,565.00		
9. Assessors*, salaries	1,600.00		
*Ch 600., 2 @ 500., wages	6,400.00		
expenses	6,000.00		
10. Law, expenses	2,650.00		
11. Election & Registration	7,055.00		
12. Planning Board, expenses	7,100.00		
13. Municipal Buildings			
Lawrence Memorial Hall	3,010.00		
Town Garage	2,700.00		
14. Industrial Development Commission	None		
b) Protection of Persons & Property			
15. Police	48,821.00		
16. Fire	4,500.00		
17. Forest Fires	2,200.00		
18. Hydrant Service	4,000.00		
19. Sealer of Weights & Measures	375.00		

	Raised	Available	Free Cash
20. Inspector of Wiring	500.00		
21. Conservation Commission	220.00		
22. Civil Defense, salary	350.00		
22Civil Defense, salary	350.00		
expenses	400.00		
23. Water Storage Holes (Fire)	200.00		
24. Tree Services:			
Tree Warden wages & expenses	2,500.00		
Inspect Pest Control	800.00		
Dutch Elm Disease	1,900.00		
25. Board of Appeals	100.00		
26. Dog Officer, expenses	350.00		
c) Health & Sanitation			
27. Board of Health, salaries			
(Chmn 150.00, 2 @ 100.00)	350.00		
expenses	4,590.00		
28. Sewers, Commissioners salaries			
(Chmn 250.00, 2 @ 200.00)	650.00		
expenses	26,138.00		
29. Town Dump	13,000.00		
14. Itemized budgets, cont.			
d) Highways & Sidewalks			
30. Highways, general	22,500.00		
30A. Road machinery expenses	8,500.00		
30B. Sick Leave	2,500.00		
30C. Vacation	2,500.00		
31. Bridges	2,000.00		
32. Snow removal	30,000.00		
33. Sidewalks, maintenance	2,000.00		
34. Street lights	10,126.00		
e) Veterans' Department			
35. Veterans Agent, salary	950.00		
wages & expenses	450.00		
benefits	27,000.00		
f) School Department	35,890.00		
36. Administration	200.00		
Adm.-Out-of-State Travel	739,252.30	1,573.70	
Instruction	500.00		
Inst.-Out-of-State Travel	138,111.00		
Other School Services	143,577.00		
Operation & Maintenance	4,814.00		
Fixed Assets	40,772.00		
Programs with other schools			
g) Clapp Memorial Library	5,800.00		
37. Clapp Memorial Library			
h) Parks, Beach & Recreation	10,220.00		
38. Parks, beach & recreation			
i) Cemeteries			
39. Cemeteries, Commissioners salaries	600.00		
(3 @ 200.00)	5,000.00		
General care, expenses	200.00		
Soldiers' graves, expenses			
j) Pensions & Insurance	20,773.50		
40. Pensions, Town Employees	28,324.00		
41. Insurance, General	16,611.00		
Health (Town share)	1,296.00		
Life (Town share)			

	Raised	Available	Free Cash
k) Unclassified Items			
42. Unclassified Items:	275.00		
Patriotic Exercises	300.00		
Town Clock	2,000.00		
Town Report	10,000.00		
Reserve Fund	1,330.00		
Unclassified Account	300.00		
Rental of American Legion	1,205.00		
Town Common			
l) Maturing Debt & Interest			
43. Maturing Debt & Interest	1,000.00		
1949 Sewer Loans, Principal	19,000.00		
1952 School Loans, Principal	45,000.00		
1963 School Loans, Principal	75.00		
1949 Sewer Loans, Interest	399.00		
1952 School Loans, Interest	16,740.00		
1963 School Loans, Interest	10,500.00		
Temporary Notes—Interest			
15. None. Authorization to borrow	200.00		
16. Conservation Commission			
17. Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District—Operating Budget	4,968.21		
18. Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District—Interest	16,526.99		
19. Unpaid bills of 1971 (9 items)	708.49		
20. Voting booths (3) Five Stall units	600.00		
21. None			
22. None			
23. None			
24. None			
25. None			
26. New Ambulance			
27. Ambulance Equipment	1,500.00	5,900.00	5,900.00
28. None			
29. Road Layout—N. Wash. St.	750.00		
30. To reduce the tax rate, assessors			20,000.00
31. Assessors' Law Account	1,000.00		
32. Assessors' Maps			10,000.00
Totals	$1,675,633.49	9,960.64	109,708.00

Raised and Appropriated	$1,675,633.49
Available Funds	9,960.64
Free Cash	109,708.00
Grand Totals	$1,795,302.13

Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire ss.
To either of the constables of the Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Prinaries to meet in Precince A Lawrence Memorial Hall, Precinct B Franklin School Tuesday, the Twenty-fifty Day of April 1972 at Ten o'clock A.M., for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Election of Candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

20 DELEGATES AT LARGE to the National Convention of the Democratic Party.

12 ALTERNATE DELEGATES AT LARGE to the National Convention of the Democratic Party.

10 DELEGATES AT LARGE to the National Convention of the Republican Party.

10 ALTERNATE DELEGATES AT LARGE to the National Convention of the Republican Party.

6 DISTRICT DELEGATES TO THE National Convention of the Democratic Party. **1st** Congressional District.

4 ALTERNATE DISTRICT DELEGATES to the National Convention of the Democratic Party. 1st Congressional District.

2 DISTRICT DELEGATES to the National Convention of the Republican Party. 1st Congressional District.

2 ALTERNATE DISTRICT DELEGATES to the National Convention of the Republican Party. 1st Congressional District.

DISTRICT MEMBERS OF STATE COMMITTEE (one man and one woman) for each Political Party for the Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire Senatorial District.

35 MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE.

35 MEMBERS OF THE REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE.

The polls will be open from 10 A.M. to 8 P.M.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 3rd day of April, A.D., 1972.

William G. Whitlock
G. Parker Ketchen
Andrew T. Sears
William H. Squires, Jr.
Arthur J. Moriarty
Selectmen of Belchertown

A true copy.
Attest:
Ernest M. Gay, Constable
April 14, 1972.

Republican Presidential Primary
April 25, 1972

Presidential Preference (Vote for 1)	Precinct A	Precinct B	Totals
John M. Ashbrook	2	1	3
Paul N. McCloskey, Jr.	12	1	13
Richard M. Nixon	98	4	102
Mills	1	2	3
Muskie	1	1	3
McGovern	2	1	3
Chisholm	1		1
Blanks	6	4	10
Totals	123	14	137

Delegates to Nat. Conv. (Vote-Not more than 10)			
Francis W. Sargent	95	7	102
Elizabeth E. Amesbury	82	6	88
Lloyd B. Waring	82	6	88
Margaret M. Donohue	83	6	89
Ann C. Gannett	82	6	88
Robert C. Hahn	82	6	88
Elliot L. Richardson	88	6	94
Leverett Saltonstall	89	6	95
John A. Volpe	89	6	95
Jaye A. Whittier	83	6	89
Blanks	375	79	454
Totals	1230	140	1370

Alternate Delegates (Vote-Not more than 10)			
William F. Arrigal, Jr.	79	6	85
Muriel Erna Ballantine	78	6	84
Ann R. Blackham	78	7	85
Ronald Burton	80	7	85
Hastings Keith	78	7	85
Paula E. Logan	79	7	86
Josephine C. Marcotte	89	7	96
F. Bradford Morse	79	7	86
Martha Reardon	78	7	85
Emily R. Terlizzi	78	6	84
Blanks	434	73	507
Totals	1230	140	1370

District Delegates-Nat. Conv.			
(Vote-Not more than 2)			
Silvio O. Conte	103	8	111
Patricia T. Fischer	81	4	85
H. George Wilde (N.Gr.)	7	3	10
Blanks	55	13	68
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Totals	246	28	274
Alternate Delegates			
(Vote-Not more than 2)			
Jonathan L. Healy	78	5	83
Carol A. Sullivan	77	4	81
Craig R. Wallwork (N.Gr.)	4	1	5
Blanks	87	18	105
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Totals	246	28	274
State Committee (Man)			
(Vote for 1)			
Michael B. Jastrzebski	90	7	97
Blanks	33	7	40
	——	——	——
Totals	123	14	137
State Committee (Woman)			
(Vote for 1)			
Doris R. Garbose	72	6	78
Blanks	51	8	59
	——	——	——
Totals	123	14	137
Town Committee			
(Vote-Not more than 35)			
Eileen D. Camp	90	10	100
Donald Perham	86	10	96
David G. Hodgen	87	10	97
Albert W. Brown	89	10	99
Herbert E. Squires	92	10	102
James F. Hayward	80	10	90
George A. Smith, Jr.	88	10	98
Eleanor L. Schmidt	85	10	95
Betty Jean Jackson	83	10	93
Winifred B. Shattuck	95	10	105
Edward L. Fuller	93	10	103
Edward H. Gates	87	10	97
Roy P. Reece, Jr.	94	10	104
William G. Whitlock	84	10	94
Gould Ketchen	82	10	92
David A. Staples	87	10	97
Ernest M. Gay	86	10	96
Arthur Davenport	76	10	86
Elmer M. Potter	86	10	96
Alton Bee Hull	78	10	88
Daniel W. MacPhee	85	10	95
Earl F. Henrichon	83	10	93
Roberta Chevalier	88	10	98
Mary S. Pratt	89	10	99
Doris M. Dickinson	84	10	94
Fred K. Thayer	81	10	91
Ruth E. Gould	85	10	95
Dorothy E. Thayer	80	10	90
George H. Foster, Jr.	79	10	89
James A. Bonafini, Sr.	76	10	86
Stanford J. Harrington	83	10	93
Victoria T. Sears	86	10	96
Andrew T. Sears	94	10	104
K. Rhodes		3	3
W. Squires, Jr.		3	3
G. Tremaine	1		1
L. Chadbourne, Jr.	4		4
D. Towne	1		1
Blanks	1478	154	1632
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Totals	4305	490	4795

Registered Republicans
Precinct A—496 Voted April 25, 1972—123
Precince B— 50 Voted April 25, 1972— 14
546 137

Democratic Presidential Primary
April 25, 1972

Presidential Preference	Precinct A	Precinct B	Totals
(Vote for 1)			
Shirley Chisholm	10	0	10
Edward T. Coll	0	0	0
Vance Hartke	0	0	0
Hubert H. Humphrey	26	5	31
Henry M. Jackson	0	0	0
John V. Lindsay	2	0	2
Eugene McCarthy	3	0	3
George McGovern	172	13	185
Wilbur D. Mills	8	1	9
Edmund S. Muskie	69	37	106
George C. Wallace	24	2	26
Sam Yorty	3	0	3
E. Kennedy	1	0	1
R. Wilk	1	0	1
Blanks	5	2	7
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Totals	324	60	384
Delegates to Nat. Conv.			
(Vote-Not more than 20)			
Group I—			
Robert F. Drinan	163	13	176
Mary I. Bunting	156	13	169
Jack H. Backman	157	12	169
Ellen M. Jackson	152	12	164
J. Kenneth Galbraith	158	11	169

Roberta F. Benjamin	152	11	163
John L. Saltonstall, Jr.	159	14	173
Ruth M. Batson	153	12	165
Alvin Levin	152	11	163
Mary E. Williamson	149	12	161
Charles F. McDevitt	154	12	166
Mary A. Markel	157	11	168
Jesse Parks	157	13	170
Doris M. Kanin	150	11	161
Salvador E. Luria	150	12	162
Margaret V. Eagan	156	12	168
F. Christopher Arterson	152	12	164
Patricia A. Simon	153	11	164
Elizabeth A. Chase	160	15	175
Antonia H. Chayes	152	13	165
Group II—			
Kevin H. White	69	20	89
Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.	57	17	74
Robert H. Quinn	62	23	85
Doris Kearns	53	18	71
Lena Saunders	51	20	71
Robert Q. Crane	61	19	80
David M. Bartley	67	19	86
Kevin B. Harrington	54	20	74
Mary L. Fonseca	55	19	75
Geraldine Pleshaw	52	18	70
Salvatore Camelio	54	18	72
Ronald Glover	52	19	71
Samuel H. Beer	53	19	72
Betty Taymor	52	18	70
Ann L. Dunphy	65	24	89
Melvin B. Miller	50	20	70
K. Dun Gifford	50	18	68
Nicholas Mavroules	49	19	68
Irene Lambert	53	19	72
Anna P. Buckley	53	19	72
Not Grouped—			
George G. Burke	7	2	9
Endicott Peabody	17	3	20
Blanks	2252	566	2818
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Totals	6480	1200	7680

Alternate Delegates
(Vote-Not more than 12)

Group I—			
Alexander Rodriguez	145	12	157
Kenneth J. Moynihan	155	14	169
Karl H. Haag	153	12	165
Constance Kantar	143	11	154
Carl K. King	149	12	161
Anne P. Priest	144	13	157
Stephen J. Morgan	147	13	160
Monteal M. Yerby	145	11	156
Francis E. Moore	143	12	155
Sandra L. Ahlburn	159	13	172
Kathleen K. Houton	147	11	158
Michael J. Brower	147	11	158
Group II—			
John F.X. Davoren	62	19	81
Archibald Cox	51	16	67
Elizabeth Parnes	52	17	69
Frank J. Manning	52	18	70
Alfred Olerio	51	16	67
Barbara J. Garvey	64	21	85
Jack E. Robinson	50	18	68
James E. Smith	49	17	66
Susan Haar	50	17	67
Peter Edelman	51	17	68
James F. Mulloney	54	17	71
Margaret M. Breen	52	17	69
Blanks	1473	365	1838
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Totals	3888	720	4608

District Delegates—Nat. Conv.
(Vote-Not More than 6)

Group I—			
Edward A. McColgan	51	12	63
Anne H. McHugh	47	10	57
Thomas C. Wojkowski	42	13	55
Judith I. Gill	41	13	54
John S. Begley	51	12	63
Carol A. Drew	39	11	50
Group II—			
Frances R. Abrams	143	11	154
Flora H. Bloedel	132	11	143
Russell W. Carrier	138	11	149
Peter J. Fouche	136	11	147
Kenneth R. Mosakowski	142	14	156
Jane Yolen Stemple	133	11	144
Group III—			
Maurice J. Ferriter	23	2	25
Patrick B. Bresnahan, III	34	3	37
James M. Burns	17	2	19
Dagmar E. Bubriski	16	4	20
Phobe M. Dowd	17	2	19
Patricia F. Lee	15	2	17
Group IV—			
William S. Taupier	21	1	22
Peter A. Kinney	11	1	12
Mary M. McLaughlin	12	1	13
Johanne Asselin	10	1	11
Paul E. Delaney	9	1	10
Ellen M. Vollinger	13	1	14
Not Grouped—			
Edward M. O'Brien	11	2	13
Blanks	640	197	837
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Totals	1944	360	2304

Alternate Delegates (Vote—Not more than 4)			
Group I—			
Phyllis A. O'Hara McGuane	38	9	47
Joseph G. Flahive	43	9	52
Anna V. Tremblay	35	10	45
Albert A. Bogdan	40	9	49
Group II—			
John D. Lawlor, Jr.	136	11	147
Bonnie B. Merrill	130	11	141
Ann E. Nichols	130	12	142
Lee Harold Sandwen	132	11	143
Group III—			
Eugene A. Dellea	16	2	18
Robert L. Ward	22	2	24
Abbie Czelusniak	17	6	23
John D. Courtney, Jr.	17	2	19
Group IV—			
Shirnavaz Driver	15	2	17
Bruce Edward Colton	16	1	17
M. Guy Ross	13	1	14
Philip B. Coulter	12	3	15
Blanks	484	139	623
Totals	1296	240	1536

State Committee (Man) (Vote for 1)			
Stanley J. Nurek	53	12	65
Peter A. Gagliardi	23	0	23
Ralph E. Hicks	32	2	34
Peter S. Supka, Jr.	67	28	90
Blanks	149	23	172
Totals	324	60	384

State Committee (Woman) (Vote for 1)			
Miriam A. McCourt	151	22	173
Blanks	173	38	211
Totals	324	60	384

Town Committee (Vote-Not more than 35)			
Harold W. Willey	197	41	238
Alice T. Willey	179	38	217
Arthur J. Moriarty	181	45	226
Stephanie Moriarty	172	42	214
Geraldine H. Baker	179	34	213
James B. Baker	181	30	211
Helen L. Papp	195	32	227
Francis P. Loftus, Sr.	188	38	226
Emma D. Loftus	183	38	221
Edmund A. Blaine	174	31	205
Samuel Jay Joyal	189	35	224
Francis E. Goodrow	177	32	209
Howard F. Goodrow	175	33	208
Francis Paul Loftus	185	35	220
Albert F. Lebida	168	39	207
John W. Avery	182	38	220
Mary M. Avery	181	36	217
Dorothy Brennen	184	35	219
Arthur H. Brennen	180	34	214
John C. Carr	173	32	205
Maude LaCross	170	38	208
Harold E. Mellin, Jr.	179	31	210
Phyllis W. Flaherty	173	31	204
Theodore W. Smist	176	31	207
Helen Renouf	183	33	216
Warren P. Barrett	171	32	203
Rose A. Joyal	176	33	209
Mabel M. Depot	173	32	205
Bernadette S. Bowler	180	38	218
Vivian L. Czupkiewicz	175	35	210
Ronald E. Blaine	175	31	206
Edward O. Lofland	192	32	224
Roy E. Cunningham	174	31	205
Margaret T. Austin	187	39	226
Anna S. Stefanowich	173	44	217
Blanks	5060	871	5931
Totals	11340	2100	13440

Registered Democrats
Precinct A—416 Voted April 25, 1972—324
Precinct B—105 Voted April 25, 1972—60
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521 384

Registered voters at Belchertown
(as of Mar. 25, 1972)

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Totals
Democrat	416	105	521
Republican	496	50	546
Independent	1030	183	1213
Totals	1942	338	2280

Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
held May 22, 1972

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Registered voters present—116 (Quorum required—25)
Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.

ARTICLE I. Nominated and elected George A. Poole as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 to the Law Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $250.00 to the Town Clerk Wage Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IV. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $750.00 to the Tax and Town Collector Wage Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE V. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to the Town Treasurer Wage Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $600.00 to cover surveying and other costs in acquiring State property for the location of a Town Highway Garage and for the purpose of Conservation and Recreation.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VII. Voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VIII. Voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote—60 yes, 28 no)

ARTICLE IX. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1971:

General Electric Company	$169.00
3 M Business Products Sales, Inc.	21.50
National Heating Company	172.74

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE X. Voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XI. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law by deleting therefrom the dimensional requirements chart and footnote "a" under Section V-A entitled "Intensity Regulations" and substituting in its place the following:

District	**Minimun Lot Dimension**		**Min. Yard Dimension [Feet]**			**Maximum% Coverage Incl. all buildings**
	Area in (sq. ft.)	Frontage (ft.)	Front	Side (b)	Rear (c)	
Residential (a)						
with public sewers	20,000	120	40	20	30	30
without public sewers	40,000	140	40	20	40	25
Agricultural	40,000	140	40	20	40	30
Business (a)						
with public sewers	20,000	120	30	20(d)	40	30
without public sewers	40,000	140	40	20(d)	40	30
Industrial	60,000	150	50	30(d)	50	40

(a) In a Residential or Business District a lot or building connected to the Town's sanitary sewer system may permit reduction of the dimensional requirements to the minimum as referenced in the above Table by the statement "with public sewers".

(Voted—92 in favor—yes, 11 opposed—no)

ARTICLE XII. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $325.00 to pay the Belchertown Water District to install a water line to the home of Robert M. Ritter on Jabish Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts, The payment of said money is contingent upon the fact that Robert M. Ritter and any other parties of interest execute in proper form, to be approved by Town Counsel, a release to the Town from any and all liabilities arising out of the water condition of said well.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:37 p.m.

A true copy, Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

Edward Czupkiewicz—Plumbing Inspector.

ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
held August 21, 1972

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Registered voters present—246 (Quorum required—25)
Meeting called to order at 7:35 P.M.

ARTICLE I. Voted to authorize the School Committee to use $4,036.01 of Public Law 864 funds, in excess of the amount used as a credit in the determination of the 1972 school budget, said additional funds to be used for the following purpose:

Instruction—(Expenditures-itemized)	$4,036.01

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II. Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury to the Clapp Memorial Library Account, the sum of $2,226.00 which has been received by the Town from the Commonwealth for library purposes.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III. Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $13,123.00 for the preparation of an Operational Soils Report by the Soil Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IV. Voted to appropriate from the Conservation Commission Account to the Conservation Fund the sum of $200.00 for use by the Conservation Commission.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE V. Voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE VI. Voted that the Town adopt a program for the development of a comprehensive plan which will help serve to promote the sound growth of the community through appropriate and stable use of land; such plan to be known as A Master Plan for the Town of Belchertown; and to direct the Planning Board:

to proceed with the implementation of such plan, and to report their progress to the Annual Town Meeting of 1973;

to request such funds as they shall need for professional assistance at the Annual Town Meeting of 1973; and

to present said Master Plan for adoption by the Town at the Annual Town Meeting of 1974.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VII. Voted that the Town direct the Town Moderator to appoint a Citizens Advisory Committee to meet with and assist the Planning Board as it develops a Master Plan for the Town of Belchertown; said committee to consist of nine voting residents of Belchertown, who shall elect their own chairman, and who are not currently elected or appointed officials or employees of the Town; and

direct the Chairmen of the Boards of Health and Selectmen, the Conservation Commission, the School Committee, the Sewer Department, and the Chiefs of the Fire and Police Departments or their representatives, to meet with and assist the Planning Board as it develops a Master Plan for the Town of Belchertown.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VIII. Voted that the Town direct the Town Moderator to appoint a Select Committee on Goals:

to undertake a study to determine the direction which the townspeople envision and desire for the Town in respect to residential, commercial, and industrial development, preservation of open-spaces and other recreational land, transportation, vehicular traffic, services of the Town and any other considerations deemed appropriate by the committee;

to present a report of its progress to the Annual Town Meeting of 1973;

to submit its final report to the Planning Board for its use no later than one year following the date of adoption of this article;

said committee shall consist of seven members who shall elect their own chairman, who are voting residents of the Town, and who are not currently elected or appointed officials or employees of the Town; and to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of five hundred ($500.00) to cover the expenses of conducting this study, disbursement of such funds to be made by the Planning Board after review with the committee to ascertain the purpose of such disbursement.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE IX. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Belchertown by adding the following section entitled "Moratorium By-Law --- Multi-family Residential" designated as Section IV-A, 2., f., (1):

"No multiple family dwelling or dwellings within the Town of Belchertown shall be hereafter erected, constructed, or structurally altered in any manner whatsoever, except where no change in a permitted use is effected, for a period of two (2) years from the date of acceptance of this Zoning By-Law Amendment. In-as-much as the Town of Belchertown is in the process of developing a Comprehensive Master Plan for its future development, and it is desired to protect said Town pending its final adoption, a moratorium on the issuance of building permits for erection, construction or structural modification of dwelling units in excess of two (2) families is hereby in effect for said period of time. During this moratorium period, relief may be obtained in accord with the provisions for variance granted by the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 40 A, Section 15."

(Vote—147 Yes; 53 No)

ARTICLE X. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Belchertown by adding the following section entitled "Moratorium By-Law—Licensed Trailer or Mobile Home Court" designated as Section IV-C, 1., c., (1):

"No licensed trailer or mobile home court within the Town of Belchertown shall be hereafter erected, constructed, or structurally altered in any manner whatsoever, except where no change in a permitted use or renewal of a license previously granted is effected for a period of two (2) years from the date of the acceptance of this Zoning By-Law Amendment. In-as-much as the Town of Belchertown is in the process of developing a comprehensive Master Plan for its future development, and it is desired to protect said Town pending its final adoption, a moratorium on the issuance of licenses or building permits for erection, construction or structural alteration in any manner whatsoever of licensed trailer or mobile home courts is hereby in effect for said period of time. During this moratorium period, relief may be obtained in accord with the provisions for variance granted by the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 40 A, Section 15."

(Vote—172 Yes; 10 No)

ARTICLE XI. Moved and seconded that the Town petition the General Court to pass an act entitled, "An act providing life tenure for Ernest Gay, incumbent of the office of Chief of Police of the Town of Belchertown."

Moved and seconded that the vote on the above motion be taken by secret ballot.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

(Vote on motion relative to Article XI—76 Yes; 138 No)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 10:25 P.M.

A True Copy,
Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

Republican State Primary
September 19, 1972

	Precinct A	Precinct B.	Totals
Senator in Congress			
(Vote for 1)			
Edward W. Brooke	219	11	230
Blanks	23	3	26
Totals	242	14	256
Congressman			
(Vote for 1)			
Silvio O. Conte	212	13	225
Blanks	30	1	31
Totals	242	14	256

Councillor			
(Vote for 1)			
Quintin J. Cristy	180	9	189
Blanks	62	5	67
	242	14	156
Senator			
(Vote for 1)			
David J. Panaia	191	12	203
Blanks	51	2	53
Totals	242	14	256
Representatives in Gen Court			
(Vote for 2)			
Norman E. Cowles	45	6	51
Nathaniel Reed	113	5	118
William Gerry Whitlock	196	9	205
Blanks	130	8	138
Totals	484	28	512
Register of Probate & Insolvency			
(Vote for 1)			
(Parker Ketchen)	1	0	1
Blanks	241	14	255
Totals	242	14	256
County Commissioners			
(Vote for 2)			
Donald W. Madsen	183	9	192
Blanks	301	19	320
Totals	484	28	512
County Treasurer			
(Vote for 1)			
Howard A. Banner	203	10	213
Blanks	39	4	43
Totals	242	14	256

Registered Republicans
Precinct A—491 Voted Sept. 19, 1972—242
Precinct B— 50 Voted Sept. 19, 1972— 14
541 256

Registered voters at Belchertown
(as of Sept. 19, 1972)

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Totals
Democrat	534	124	658
Republican	491	50	541
Independent	947	176	1123
	1972	350	2322

Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

Democratic State Primary
September 19, 1972

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Totals
Senator in Congress			
(Vote for 1)			
John J. Droney	47	4	51
John Pierce Lynch	125	28	153
Gerald F. O'Leary	41	1	42
Blanks	27	2	29
Totals	240	35	275
Congressman			
(Vote for 1)			
(Silvio O. Conte)	1	0	1
Blanks	239	35	274
Totals	240	35	275
Councillor			
(Vote for 1)			
William J. McManus	152	27	179
Blanks	88	8	96
Totals	240	35	275
Senator			
(Vote for 1)			
Philip A. Quinn	115	15	130
Frederic W. Schlosstein, Jr.	33	7	40
Robert H. Brogna	8	0	8
Robert D. Wetmore	14	0	14
Blanks	70	13	83
Totals	240	35	275
Representatives in Gen. Court			
(Vote for 2)			
James R. Nolen	138	26	164
James G. Collins	149	10	159
Edmund Scheinost	85	11	96
Blanks	108	23	131
Totals	480	70	550

Register of Probate & Insolvency (Vote for 1)			
Frank E. Tuit, II	162	29	191
Blanks	78	6	84
Totals	240	35	275

County Commissioners (Vote for 2)			
John H. Breguet	66	6	72
George E. Como	167	12	179
Paul R. Dineen	112	16	128
Henry F. Opatkiewicz	21	16	37
Blanks	114	20	134
Totals	480	70	550

County Treasurer (Vote for 1)			
William F. O'Connor	174	27	201
F. Richard Wall	36	5	41
Blanks	30	3	33
Totals	240	35	275

Registered Democrats
Precinct A—534 Voted Sept. 19, 1972—240
Precinct B—124 Voted Sept. 19, 1972— 35
658 275

ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING held October 16, 1972

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Registered voters present—28 (Quorum required—25)
Meeting called to order at 7:31 P.M.

Presentation of Civil Defense Award to Mr. Robert Phoenix, Civil Defense Director, by Selectman William Squires.

ARTICLE I. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury a sum of money for the following bills incurred in 1971:

Cold Springs Auto Body & Sales	$ 91.75
Roland N. Tessier, M.D.	28.00
Emil M. Ferris, M.D., F.A.A.P.	148.00
Wesson Women's Hospital	1,068.09

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not to exceed $17,400.00 to cover the cost of the installation of warning lights and road reconstruction in connection therewith at the railroad crossing located on Jackson Street.

(Voted—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not to exceed $12,600.00 to cover the cost of the installation of warning lights and road reconstruction in connection therewith at the railroad crossing located on Hamilton Street.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 7:40 P.M.

A True Copy, Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

State Election—November 7, 1972

Polls opened in both Precincts A and B at 8:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M.

Office Name	**Prec. A**	**Prec. B**	**Total**
Electors of President & Vice President			
Jenness & Pulley, Soc. Workers	7	1	8
McGovern & Shriver, Dem.	895	155	1050
Nixon & Agnew, Rep.	912	116	1028
Schmitz & Anderson	2	6	8
Blanks	20	5	25
Totals	1836	283	2119
Senator in Congress (Elect 1)			
Edward W. Brooke, Rep.	1247	181	1428
John J. Droney, Dem.	480	96	576
Donald Gurewitz, Soc. Workers	54	3	57
Eva Dinkin	2		2
Blanks	45	3	48
Totals	1828	283	2111
Congressman (1st Dist.) (Elect 1)			
Silvio O. Conte, Rep.	1449	231	1680
M. Elizabeth Waterman	1		1
John Miller	4		4
John D. Miller	30		30
Blanks	344	52	396
Totals	1828	283	2111
Councillor (7th Dist.) (Elect 1)			
William J. McManus, Dem.	921	192	1113
Quintin J. Cristy, Rep.	667	69	736
Blanks	240	22	262
Totals	1828	283	2111
Senator (Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire Dist) (Elect 1)			
David J. Panaia, Rep.	894	108	1002

Frederic W. Schlosstein, Jr., Dem.	836	167	1003
Blanks	98	8	106
Totals	1828	283	2111

Representatives in General Court (2nd Hampshire Dist.) (Elect 2)

James R. Nolen, Dem.	858	196	1054
James G. Collins, Dem.	851	122	973
Nathaniel Reed, Rep.	624	54	678
William Gerry Whitlock, Rep.	830	108	938
Blanks	493	86	579
Totals	3656	566	4222

Register of Probate & Insolvency (Hampshire County) (Elect 1)

Frank E. Tuit, II, Dem.	1378	230	1608
Blanks	450	53	503
Totals	1828	283	2111

County Commissioners (Hampshire County) (Elect 2)

John H. Breguet, Dem.	847	159	1006
Paul R. Dineen, Dem.	1002	194	1196
Donald W. Madsen, Rep.	660	70	730
William F. Lee	2		2
Blanks	1145	143	1288
Totals	3656	566	4222

County Treasurer (Hampshire County) (Elect 1)

Howard A. Banner, Rep.	772	87	859
William F. O'Connor, Dem.	877	181	1058
William F. Lee	1		1
Blanks	178	15	193
Totals	1828	283	2111

Question # 1 (Amend constitution?)

Yes	1292	178	1470
No	384	66	450
Blanks	152	39	191
Totals	1828	283	2111

Question # 2 (Amend constitution?)

Yes	1365	199	1564
No	309	44	353
Blanks	154	40	194
Totals	1828	283	2111

Question # 3 (Amend constitution?)

Yes	1255	157	1412
No	352	71	423
Blanks	221	55	276
Totals	1828	283	2111

Question # 4 (Amend constitution?)

Yes	1155	155	1310
No	507	86	593
Blanks	166	42	208
Totals	1828	283	2111

Question # 5 (Amend constitution?)

Yes	1319	187	1506
No	315	47	362
Blanks	194	49	243
Totals	1828	283	2111

Question # 6 (Amend constitution?)

Yes	781	73	854
No	854	169	1023
Blands	193	41	234
Totals	1828	283	2111

Question # 7 (Amend constitution?)

Yes	1375	195	1570
No	292	49	341
Blanks	161	39	200
Totals	1828	283	2111

Question # 8 (Lower drinking age to 18?)

Yes	962	122	1084
No	697	123	820
Blanks	169	38	207
Totals	1828	283	2111

Question # 9 (Voluntary prayer in public schools?)

Yes	1407	235	1642
No	294	15	309
Blanks	127	33	160
Totals	1828	283	2111

Question #10 (Reduce House of Rep. size?)

Yes	1132	162	1294
No	455	63	518
Blanks	241	58	299
Totals	1828	283	2111

Number of ballots cast November 7, 1972—
Precinct A — 1828
Precinct B — 283 (83% vote for the town)

Town Total —2111
Partial Ballots (Prec. A)—8

Registered voters as of November 7, 1972

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Totals
Independent	1124	179	1303
Republican	499	50	549
Democrat	566	124	690
Totals	2189	353	2542

Registered voters as of November 9, 1972 for Partial Ballot only (Presidential)

Independent — Precinct A—9

Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting, December 18, 1972

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Registered voters present—46 (Quorum required—25)
Meeting called to order at 7:33 p.m.

ARTICLE I. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $8,000.00 to the Highways-Snow Removal Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II. Voted to appropriate from the Highways-Streets Account the sum of $7,900.00 to the Highways-General Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $1,200.00 to the Town Dump Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IV. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $1,500.00 to the Police Department Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE V. Voted to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $2,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VI. Motion to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $3,500.00 to purchase and equip a Slide-in-Sander for the Highway Department failed to carry.

(Vote—Majority No)

ARTICLE VII. Voted to authorize the School Committee to use $3,000.00 of Public Law 874 funds in excess of the amount used as a credit in the determination of the 1972 school budget, said additional funds to be used for the following purpose:

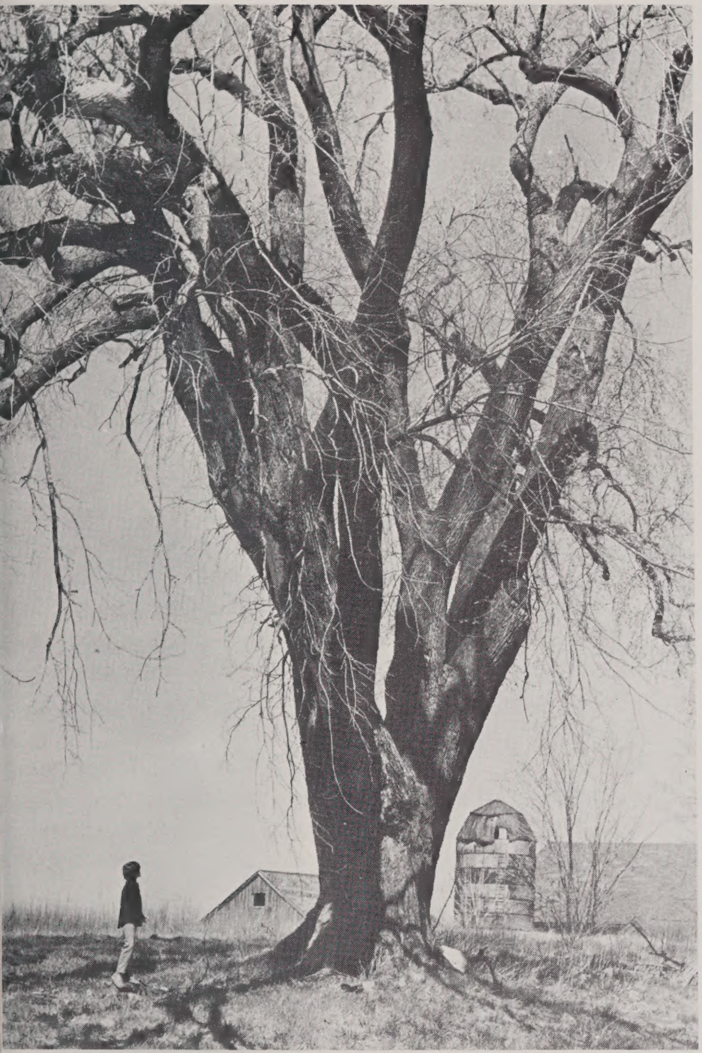
Instruction-Salaries	$3,000.00

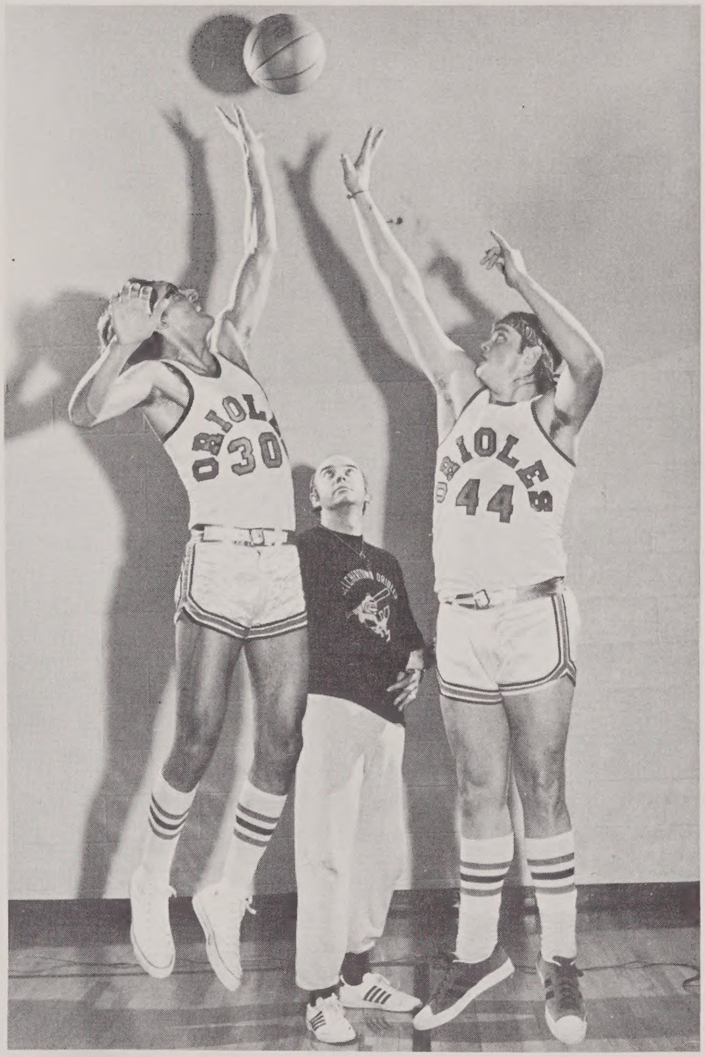
(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 7:52 p.m.

A true copy
Attest: Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

Right to left: Walter J. Carmody, Patrick D. Kamins, Frank E. Farrington, Jr.—Board of Appeals.

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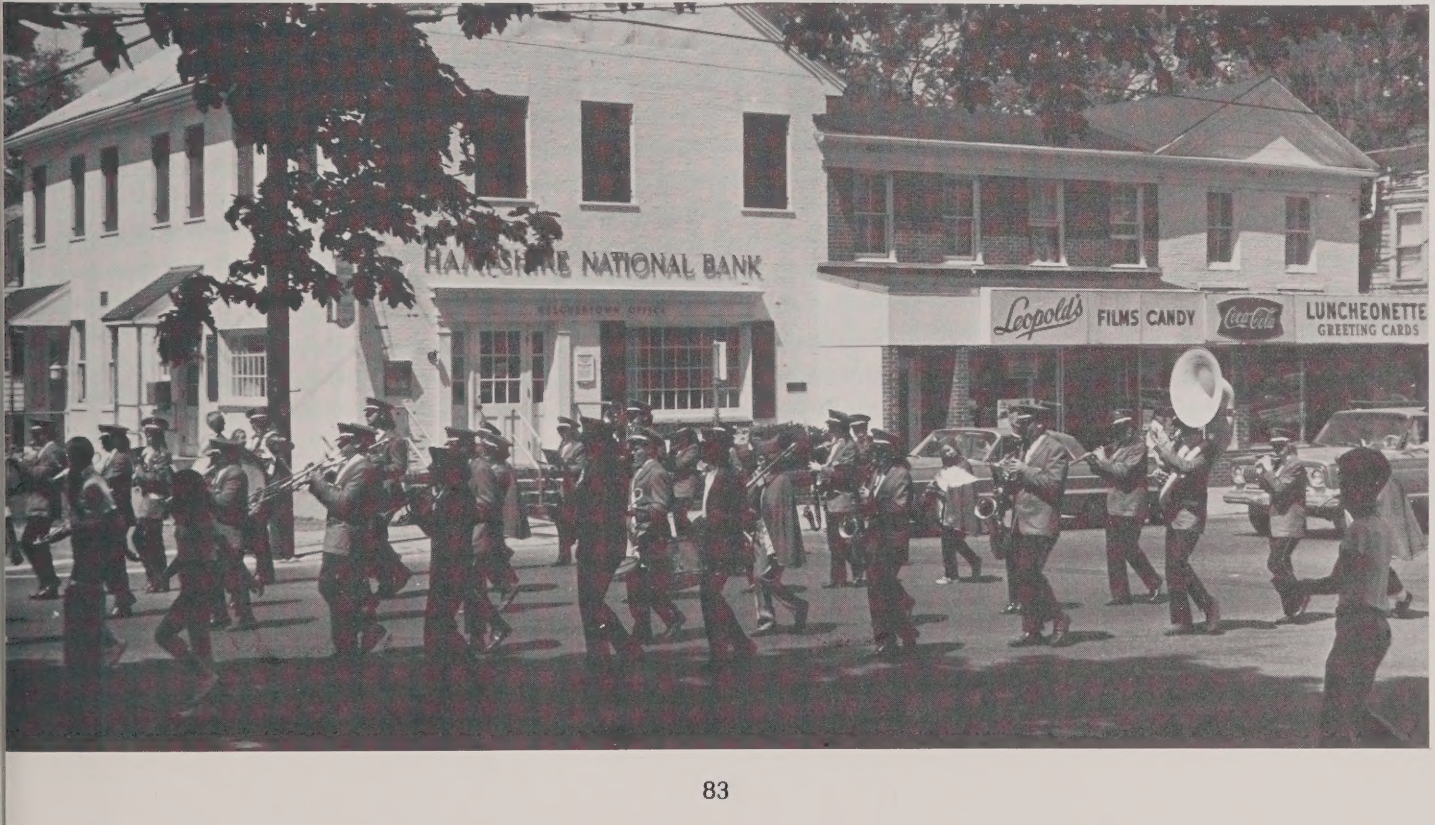
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Annual Town Meeting

Elections	1st Monday in March
Appropriations	2nd Monday in March

Tax Rate	$46.00
General	17.92
School	28.08
	46.00

School Population	
Elementary	673
Junior High	245
Senior High	399
	1317

Assessed Valuation

	1971	1972	Increase
Real Estate	$19,330,540.00	$22,053,195.00	$2,722,655.00
Personal Property	1,693,775.00	1,819,335.00	125,560.00
	$21,024,315.00	$23,872,530.00	$2,848,215.00

U.S. Senators

Edward M. Kennedy
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Edward W. Brooke
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

U.S. Representative

Silvo Conte
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

State Senator

Frederick W. Schlosstein
Warren, Massachusetts

State Representatives

James R. Nolen
Ware, Massachusetts

James G. Collins
Amherst, Massachusetts

County Commissioners
Office-Court Building, Northampton, Massachusetts

David B. Musante, Chairman
29 Forest Glen Drive
Florence, Massachusetts

Paul R. Dineen
96 Pittroff Avenue
South Hadley, Massachusetts

John H. Brequet
70 High Street
Haydenville, Massachusetts

County Officers

Judge of Probate & Insolvency
Hon. Harry Jekanowski

Register of Deeds
Robert F. Czelusniak

Register of Probate & Insolvency
Frank E. Tuit, II

Clerk of Courts
Salvatore A. Polito

Sheriff
John F. Boyle

District Attorney Northwestern District
John M. Callahan
64 Woodbridge Terrace
South Hadley, Massachusetts

County Treasurer
William F. O'Connor

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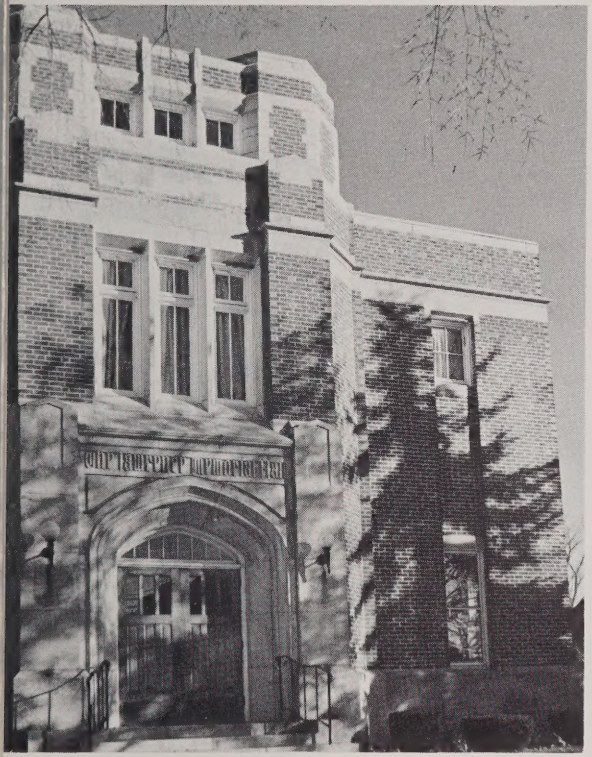

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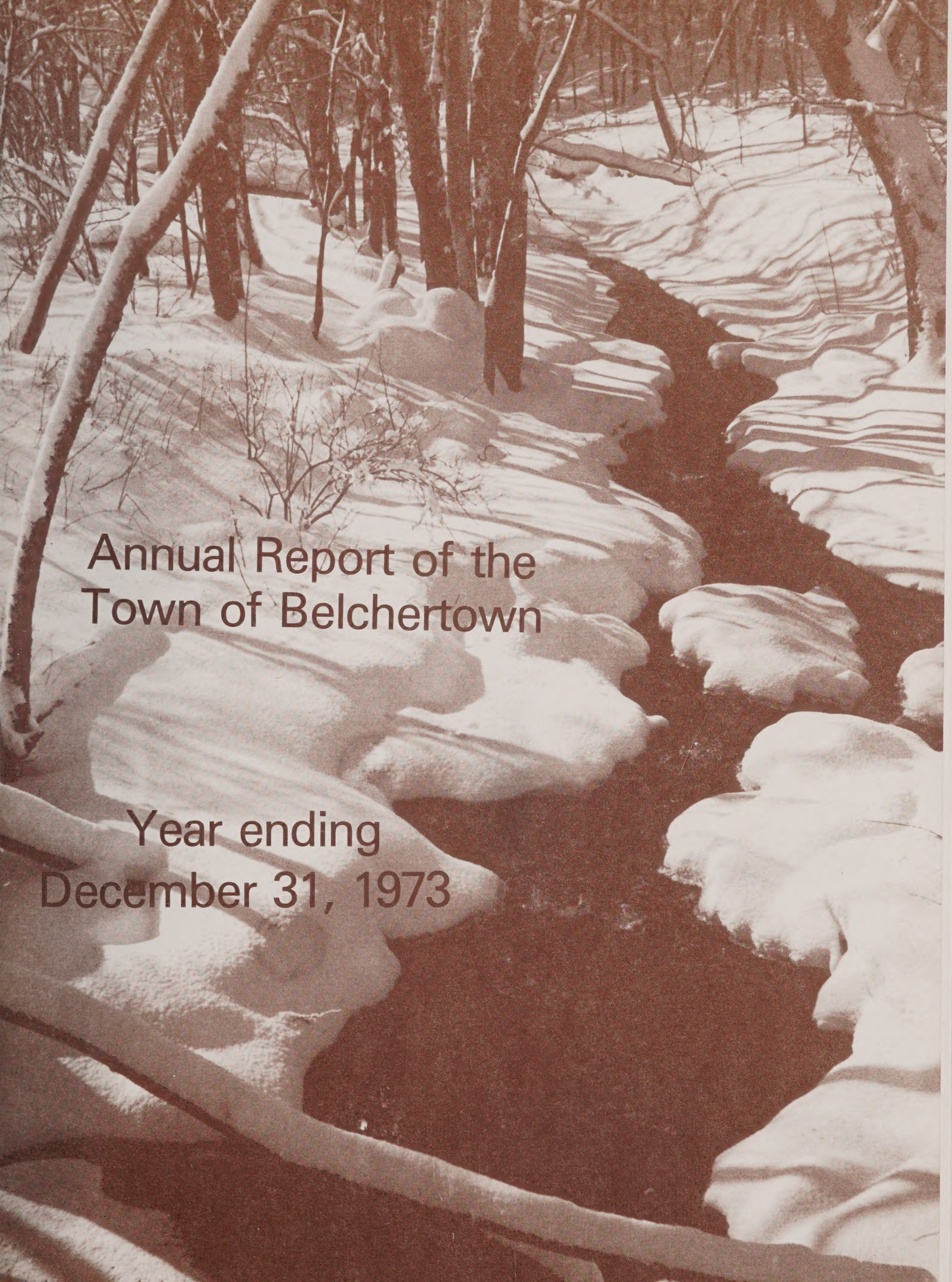

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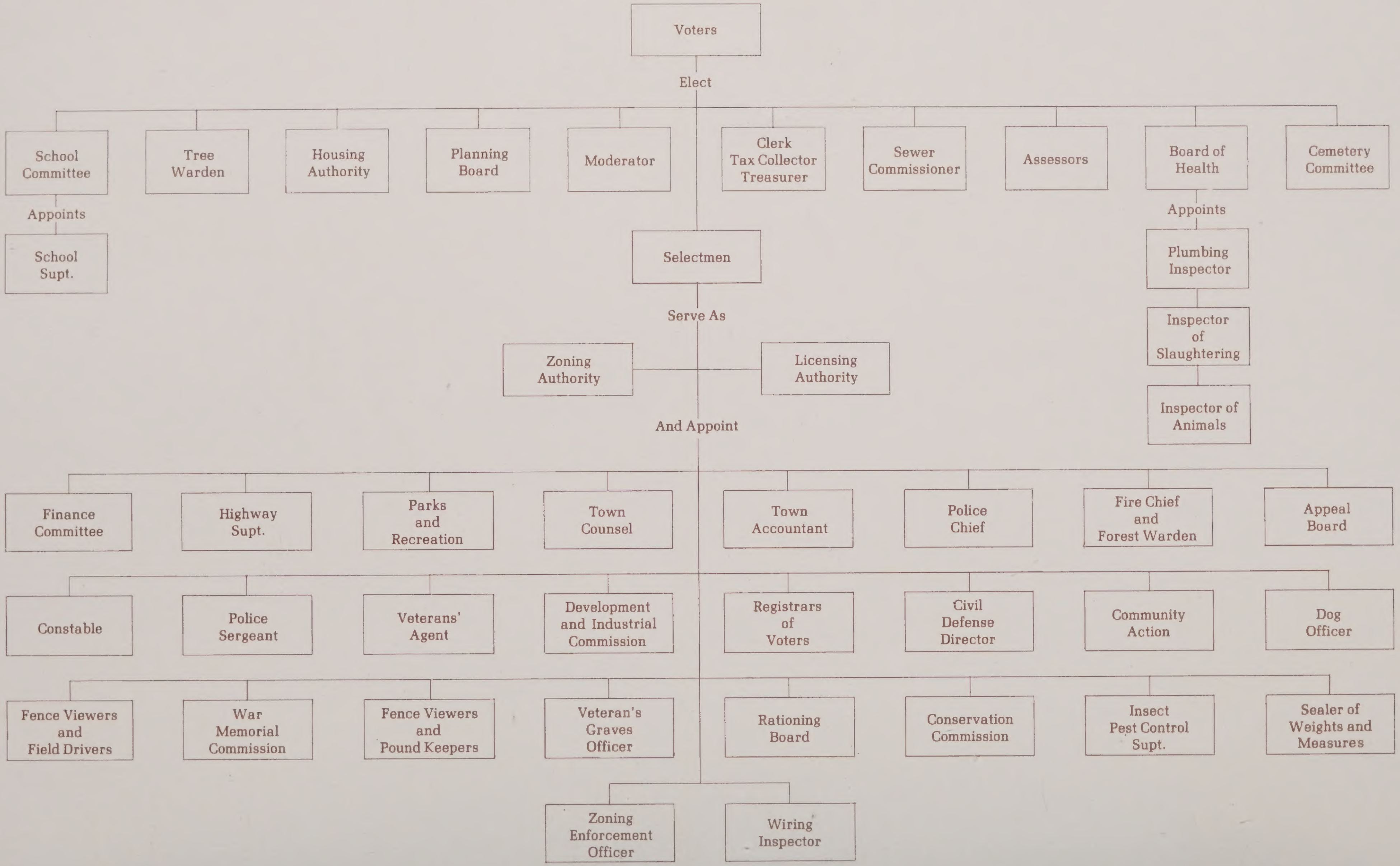
Year ending
December 31, 1973

Town of Belchertown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Sewer Commissioner
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Board of Health
Appoints
Plumbing Inspector
Inspector of Slaughtering
Inspector of Animals
Cemetery Committee
Selectmen
Serve As
Zoning Authority
Licensing Authority
And Appoint
Finance Committee
Highway Supt.
Parks and Recreation
Town Counsel
Town Accountant
Police Chief
Fire Chief and Forest Warden
Appeal Board
Constable
Police Sergeant
Veterans' Agent
Development and Industrial Commission
Registrars of Voters
Civil Defense Director
Community Action
Dog Officer
Fence Viewers and Field Drivers
War Memorial Commission
Fence Viewers and Pound Keepers
Veteran's Graves Officer
Rationing Board
Conservation Commission
Insect Pest Control Supt.
Sealer of Weights and Measures
Zoning Enforcement Officer
Wiring Inspector

ISAAC A. HODGEN

March 28, 1907
Feb. 21, 1974

Isaac A. Hodgen better known to everyone as "Ike" was a life-long resident of Western Massachusetts. His demise terminates an era of unparalled, dedicated public service in local and state government while a resident of Belchertown during the past 48 years.

"Ike" was born in Greenfield, attended the Colrain schools, graduated from Arms Academy in Shelburne Falls and in 1926 chose Belchertown as a place to live.

Patriotism, so characteristic of "Ike" prompted him to enlist in the U.S. Navy in 1942. He taught stationary engineering at Great Lakes and saw active duty aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Munda. He was awarded service ribbons with two battle stars and was honorably discharged in 1946 as a First Class Petty Officer. Upon discharge he returned to Belchertown to continue his career of faithful, unselfish public service.

The welfare of Belchertown was one of "Ike's" primary continuing concerns and he served the town as a Selectman for 6 years, three and a half years of which he was chairman of the board. He was an Assessor for the past 6 years; served on the Board of Public Welfare and the Board of Health; chairman of the School Building Committee for the construction of the Cold Spring Elementary School and the new junior-senior high school; member of the local Finance Board for 15 years; member of the Belchertown Volunteer Fire Department for 40 years and held the title of Captain. He was Hampshire County's representative to the state legislature for 8 years and served on committees concerning municipal and mercantile affairs, water supply, veteran's housing and a special commission on payments in lieu of taxes to the Town of Amherst.

"Ike's participation in local affairs over and above his political and civil duties are too numerous to mention here. It is significant that he was an active member of the Methodist church and served as trustee. He was also trustee and treasurer of the Belchertown Historical Association and the Clapp Memorial Library. He was Past Master and Secretary of the Vernon Lodge of AF & AM, 32nd Degree Mason, a member of the American Legion and the VFW Post of Ware; a trustee of the Ware Savings and member of Board of Investments. In the past he also served on the Board of Directors of the Mary Lane Hospital.

Isaac A. Hodgen will be long remembered for his unstinted devotion to public service and the compelling urge to make Belchertown a better place to live.

DORIS S. SQUIRES

May 22, 1893
February 5, 1974

Doris Squires was the eldest of the three children of William P. and Kittie E. Porter Spellman and was born in Springfield, Massachusetts. She attended the Belchertown schools and was salutatorian of her class of 1911. She lived all of her early years in the house on Maple Street now owned by Samuel Joyal. She was a telephone operator when the office in town was in operation. Mrs. Squires attended Northampton Commercial College until her marriage to Alfred Lewis Squires of Belchertown in 1913. He died in 1949.

Mrs. Squires served the Clapp Memorial Library well for 43 years, beginning as librarian in June 1922 until June 1943. She was a member of the Board of Trustees from June 1946 until June 1968. She attended the Belchertown Congregational Church for almost all of her 81 years.

As early as 1954 she was doing secretarial work for the Town under Town Clerk William Shaw and later Robert Camp. She was report clerk for the Board of Health for 25 years. Beginning in 1963 she filled out the term of assessor which was left open by the death of Elliot Cordner. Following this she was elected for a following 3 year term. She was asked to run for a second term but declined, continuing to work for them in the office until late in 1973.

Reading music (she was an accomplished pianist), and a love of birds and all wildlife were her abiding interests. She was an excellent cook. She was never without her handiwork, be it knitting or embroidery. There was always a cup of tea waiting to be served to a friend or neighbor.

Town Officers 1973

Elected Officers

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Moderator	
Charles W. Jackson		1974
	Town Clerk	
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		1974
	Board of Selectmen	
Andrew T. Sears		1974
William Gerry Whitlock		1974
G. Parker Ketchen		1975
Arthur J. Moriarty		1976
William H. Squires, Jr.		1976
	Treasurer	
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		1976
	Tax & Town Collector	
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		1974
	School Committee	
Richard D. Pratt		1974
Mrs. Dorothy A. Rhodes		1975
George A. Smith, Jr.		1975
Harold E. Mellin		1976
William M. Russell		1976
	Planning Board	
Stanford J. Harrington		1974
Everett W. Plant		1975
Roy E. Cunningham	(Resigned)	1976
Duggan A. Kimball	(Elected 8/27/73)	1974
Donald S. Cole		1977
John J. Sullivan, III		1978
Brian M. Nickerson (Administrative Assistant)	(Resigned)	
Susan C. Michael (Administrative Assistant)		
	Cemetery Commissioners	
Daniel W. MacPhee		1974
Edward L. Fuller		1975
Paul C. Cook		1976
	Board of Assessors	
Isaac A. Hodgen		1974
Samuel J. Joyal		1975
Walter L. Papp		1976
	Housing Authority	
Mrs. Edna H. Camp	(Resigned 6/1/73)	1974
Mrs. Sophia M. Pero	(Elected 5/30/73)	1974
Edmund F. Wallace		1975
Arlan V. Skinner		1976
Kenneth W. Thayer		1977
Louis J. Austin		1978
	Tree Warden	
Albert W. Brown		1974
	Sewer Commissioners	
A. Preston Atwood		1974
Peter A. Whittaker		1975
Harry L. Brougham		1976
	Board of Health	
Mrs. Charlotte P. Ketchen, R.N.		1974
James A. Bonafini, Sr.		1975
Paul F. Downing	(Resigned 10/29/73)	1976
John P. Bay	(Elected 11/5/73)	1974
	Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District Committee Member	
David A. Staples		1975
	Almoners-Whiting Street Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds	
Mrs. Virgina M. Hislop		1974
Mrs. Janet L. Wood		1974
	Trustee, Calvin Bridgman Fund	
Mrs. Rachel G. Shumway		1974
George A. Poole		1975
Kenneth H. Snow		1976

Appointed Officers

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Town Accountant	
Mrs. Deborah A. Downing		7/31/74
	Assistant Town Accountant	
Mrs. Eleanor W. Bock	(Appt. 11/22/73)	1974
	Assistant Town Clerk	
Mrs. Margaret S. Kirby		1974
	Assistant Town Treasurer	
Mrs. Margaret S. Kirby		1974
	Deputy Collector	
Mrs. Margaret S. Kirby (office)		1974
Norman C. Jerrery		1974
	Finance Committee	
Donald C. McKenney		1974
Bernard F. Wilkes, Jr.		1974
Edward H. Gates		1975
Kenneth H. Snow		1975
David G. Hodgen		1976
	Town Counsel	
Stephen B. Monsein, Attorney		1974
	Chief of Police	
Ernest M. Gay		1974
	Constable	
Ernest M. Gay		1974
Elmer M. Potter		1974
	Sergeant	
Elmer M. Potter		1974
Merton L. Pratt		1974
	Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden	
Louis E. Fuller		1974
	Superintendent of Streets	
Albert L. LePage		1974
	Inspector of Wiring	
Walter J. Henry		1974
	Special Constable	
Norman C. Jeffery		1974
	Dog Officer	
Wallace F. Chevalier		1974
Robert Chevalier, Assistant		1974

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Albert W. Brown	1976

Veterans Services Agent

Earl F. Henrichon	1974

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Royal K. Gay	1974

Zoning By-Law Enforcement Officer

Henry R. Bleau	1974

Veterans Graves Officer

Milton A. Butler	1974

Registrars of Voters

Mrs. Ethel H. Hawkins	1974
Mrs. Mary T. Vanasse	1975
Mrs. M. Rose Sorrell	1976

Board of Appeals

Walter J. Carmody	1974
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.	1974
Patrick D. Kamins	1975
Arthur Davenport (Associate Member)	1974
Peter J. Adzima (Associate Member)	1974

Fence Viewer & Field Driver

Francis J. LaValle, Jr.	(Resigned)	1974
John L. Bodzinski	(Appointed 10/23/73)	1974

Fence Viewer & Pound Keeper

Francis J. LaValle, Jr.	(Resigned)	1974
John L. Bodzinski	(Appointed 10/23/73)	1974

Civil Defense Director

Robert H. Phoenix	1974

Radio Officer

Roy M. Nonnemaker	1974

Radio Operator

Philip Depot		1974
Philip Carpenter	(Resigned)	1974

Parks, Beach & Recreation

Shirley A. Dorey	1974
Michael P. Forgue	1975
William F. Wegiel	1975
June D. Smith	1976
Richard K. Cook	1976

War Memorial Committee

Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		1974
Mrs. Alice Samborski		1974
Isaac A. Hodgen		1975
Frederick E. Lincoln	(Deceased)	1975

Rationing Board

Arthur J. Moriarty	1974
Andrew T. Sears	1974
William H. Squires, Jr.	1974

Public Weighers

Joseph W. Tolpa, Sr.		1974
Joseph W. Tolpa, Jr.		1974
John H. Murton	(Temporary 5/17/73-5/31/73)	
Francis M. Mangaridi	(Appointed 5/21/73) Resigned	1974
Lorenzo Claus, Sr.	(Appointed 6/25/73)	1974
Richard N. Kimball	(Appointed 12/20/73)	1974

Hampshire County Community Action Committee

Lawrence M. Breindel	(Resigned)	1974

Development & Industrial Committee

Patrick D. Kamins	1974
William H. Squires, Jr.	1974
Ruthella M. Tucker	1975

Conservation Commission

Mrs. Barbara E. Sullivan	1974
Leslie A. Campbell	1974
Andrew J. Sears	1974
Sherman L. Gould	1975
Louis B. LaFromboise	1975
Dennis McGrevy	1976
Kenneth W. Rhodes	1976

Overall Economic Development Program

Andrew T. Sears
William H. Squires, Jr.
Lloyd C. Chadbourne
Ruthella M. Tucker

Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission

Donald S. Cole	1974
Stanford J. Harrington (Alternate)	1974

Select Committee on Goals

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	Final Report
Blake S. Jackson	Final Report
Mrs. Mary Locke	Final Report
Mrs. Roseann Nulman	Final Report
Alan C. Page	Final Report
Mrs. Claire Rieff	Final Report
Mrs. Teddy Stockwell	Final Report
Thomas J. Wolff	Final Report

Citizens Advisory Committee

Valmore G. Beaudry	Final Report
Mrs. Bonnie Blake Drucker	Resigned
Mrs. Denise Humiston	Final Report
Stephen S. Lanphear	Final Report
Mrs. Sophia M. Pero	Final Report
Henry Renouf	Final Report
Peter A. Nelson	Resigned
Mrs. Doris Stockton	Final Report
Thomas A. Weber	Final Report

Municipal Building & Site Study Committee

Mrs. Shirley A. Dorey	1974
Charles W. Jackson	1974
George B. Jackson	1974
Harold E. Mellin, Jr.	1974
Eleanor L. Schmidt	1974

Historical Commission

(appointed June, 1973)

Doris M. Dickinson	1975
Helen F. Lister	1975
Shirley A. Bock	1976
Gerald G. Tremaine	1976

Cable TV Committee
(appointed July 1973)

Paul F. Downing	(Resigned)
Albert Dudek	
Richard L. Muller	
Ralph Pittsley	
William Wakelin	

Building Committee—Plans for Highway Garage
(appointed Sept., 1973)

William Gerry Whitlock	1974
James P. Boyko	1974
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.	1974

Council for the Aging
(appointed Oct. 1973)

Ethel H. Hawkins	1974
Louise C. Wadswoth	1974
June S. Henneman	1975
George R. Bach	1976
Rev. Thomas B. Pierce	1976
Victoria T. Sears	1976

Energy Crisis Commission
(appointed Dec. 1973)

Wilfred T. Weston	1975
Andrew T. Sears	1975
Robert H. Phoenix	1975
Ernest M. Gay (Advisory Member)	1975

Police Officers

Chief

Ernest M. Gay	1974

Sergeant

Elmer M. Potter	1974
Merton L. Pratt	1974

Constable

Ernest M. Gay	1974
Elmer M. Potter	1974

Officers

Merton L. Pratt	1974
Elmer M. Potter	1974
Raymond E. Breton	1974
Lester M. Beaudoin	1974
Edward S. Czech	1974
Julius J. Matusko	1974
David A. Conkey	1974
James S. Tucker	1974
Ernest M. Gay, Jr.	1974
Philip N. Vanasse	1974
Richard W. Besse	1974
George E. Deering, III	Resigned
Richard J. Harper	Resigned
Robert G. Wiley	1974
Patricia W. Antonovitch	1974
William C. Zobka	1974
Herbert E. Squires	1974
Henry E. McManus (Appointed July, 1973)	1974
Robert L. Methot (Appointed July, 1973)	1974
James L. Dearness, Jr. (Appointed July, 1973)	Resigned
Paul F. Austin (Appointed July, 1973)	1974
Thomas M. Dranka (Appointed Sept. 1973)	1974
Alfred H. Burns (Appointed Sept. 1973)	1974

Special Police-School Traffic

Alexander M. Cochrane	1974
Lillian C. Austin	1974
James R. Lodge	1974
Patricia W. Antonovitch	1974

All Other Specials

A. Preston Atwood	1974
Randolph H. Brown	1974
Wallace F. Chevalier	1974
Ralph Goodreau	1974
Henry L. Lloyd	1974
Ronald Zobka	1974

Board of Health Appointments

Report Clerk

Mrs. Doris S. Squires	1974

Agent Sanitarian

John A. Brickett	1974

Inspector of Animals

Lewis J. Austin	1974

Inspector of Plumbing

Edward F. Czupkiewicz	1974

Special Agent at Belchertown State School

Aran Kasparyan, M.D.	1974

Advisor to Board

Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.	1974

Selectmen's Report

The Board of Selectmen met and organized as follows for the year 1973:

William H. Squires, Jr., Chairman
Wm. Gerry Whitlock, Vice-Chairman and Highway liaison
Arthur J. Moriarty, Highway liaison
Andrew T. Sears, Clerk and Parks, Beach, Recreation liaison
G. Parker Ketchen, Police Department liaison

Scheduled meetings were held throughout the year on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Due to a great increase in attendance by the press and the general public, many of these meetings were held in Lawrence Memorial Hall rather than in the crowded Selectmen's office. It has indeed been a busy year, with more than the usual number of problems to cope with. It has also been the fruition of many projects started several years ago.

You may well notice the lean look of this annual Town Report and the absence of any financial reports. This is due to the change in the fiscal year to coincide with the State and National fiscal year and to end on June 30. In effect, this makes our December 31 report a mid-year report, so that any figures would be of practically no value. We will have a financial report available in August. Every town in the Commonwealth is faced with this same problem, and if a better solution can be found, it is likely that legislation will be introduced to improve the situation. Yes, the new fiscal year has introduced new problems. It is a first-time thing with all of us and does not follow the traditional pattern.

After complaints of lack of input into Town Government, in August of 1972 the Town voted to establish the Select Committee on Goals and the Citizens Advisory Committee. These committees have been hard at work and have gathered much valuable data. They have met with this Board and made several valuable recommendations for the improvement of Town Government. Many of their ideas have furnished seeds for new improvements or have affirmed some of our own ideas. The changes we have made in their recommendations only reflect a difference in interpretation and not in basic policy.

We feel that the increasing growth in our Town requires more services, which in turn means full-time employees. The truth of the matter is that many part-time jobs are getting too large to be part-time and in many cases too small to be full-time. Even two part-time employees cannot meet some requirements of day-time availability. Economic requirements demand consideration that we limit the number of new employees to only the required number. Many jobs may have to be at least temporarily combined until the workload demands their separation. We feel that many complaints of poor service stem from over-worked part-time employees. Certainly we expect a great deal of work and devotion from many of our poorly paid or unpaid officials, and this explains one of the reasons why many offices are hard to fill. We have attempted to up-date some of the salaries.

One of the areas which has drawn criticism in the last few years has been the Parks, Beach, and Recreation Committee. We have had some good people on this committee and upon investigation, we find most of the difficulty to be centered around a lack of continuity. By extending and overlapping the terms of the committee members, we have given more depth and meaning to long term programs. Already we see where this administrative change is paying off. We are going to a year-round recreation program, working closely with the schools and utilizing all of our present facilities to the utmost. One full-time person will work under this committee.

Many of the Police Department's internal problems seem to have been overcome this year. In spite of the fact that the Police Department budget has increased rapidly over the last few years, the crime rate seems to keep ahead. After much searching and figuring and discussion, it was decided that we should ask for one more full-time officer and continue with a large part-time force. All in all, this seemed to be the better of several less than perfect solutions. Hopefully this will retain the best qualities of both the full-time versus part-time solutions, and will suffice for at least another year.

As our Town grows, the increasing need for full-time personnel makes it imperative that we have some well established rules for their employment. Early in the coming year, the Board intends to have some personnel by-laws drawn up for adoption by the Town. This would establish a more equitable basis for all the Town employees, regardless of their respective departments.

One of the projects started over a year ago was the acquisition of some land at the Belchertown State School for the location of a new Highway Garage. After much leg-work and correspondence, we now have the title to this land at no cost to the Town. It is our hope that the Town will be able to house its equipment in the new barn this fall.

Many other projects started over a year ago are now completed. The new construction on one section of Bay Road has been completed. The warning lights have been installed on almost every railroad crossing in Town, and the school traffic lights have been installed.

The new Cargo-flo terminal which went into operation this year near the site of the old depot on Maple Street is in danger of being closed down due to the fierce opposition of two or three residents.

By taking advantage of the Federal Revenue Sharing funds, we have been able to do many worthwhile projects that would otherwise have to be added to the tax rate. We have installed a new roof on the library, bought a new fire truck, paid for special medical training for the police officers, made improvements to the fire station and numerous other projects.

We have made use of State and Federal funds in many areas, such as the installation of school traffic lights and railroad warning signals. It would appear that the State will completely fund the replacement of the railroad bridge on Route 181. On the other side of the ledger, the Town has been hurt by some action taken at the State level. The situation of our refunds for the cost of school transportation is uncertain, and payments in lieu of taxes for State-owned land. The old Chapter 90 and Chapter 81 programs have been revised and no one is certain of many of the details as yet. Their resolution may come about gradually over the period of many months.

For the near future, it would be wise for the Town to investigate the advisability of creating a water department. Our present Water District is the result of the Town's refusal on this over 50 years ago. Some areas such as the ponds and Stebbins Street could benefit.

It is now time to begin thinking of our Nation's birthday in 1976.

Town Clerk's Report

Statistics

Births

Place	Boys	Girls
Holyoke	6	8
Northampton	14	10
Ware	3	2
Springfield	5	9
Montague	1	1
Greenfield	0	1
Hartford, Conn	1	0
	——	——
	30	31

Total births recorded in Belchertown—61

Marriages

	Male	Female
Resident	44	45
Non-Resident	27	26
	——	——
	71	71

Married at:	No.
Belchertown	24
Out of Town	46
Out of State	1
	——
	71

Deaths

Recorded at Belchertown—54

Males 32, Females 22

Resident 47, Non-Resident 7

Place of Death	No.
Belchertown	15
Ware	8
Springfield	3
Northampton	10
Holyoke	8
South Hadley	1
Palmer	5
Amherst	1
Worcester	1
Old Saybrook, Conn.	1
Bristol, Conn.	1
	——
	54

Financial

Receipts	Amount	No. Items
Sporting Licenses (Gross)	$6,909.45	781
Dog Licenses (Gross)	3,338.75	889
B-M-D Certified Copies	254.00	254
B-M-D Abstract Copies	7.00	14
U.C.C. & Terminations	512.00	118
Marriage Intentions	218.00	68
Pole Location Orders	88.00	22
Registration & Discontinuance of Business	17.50	19
Registration to Store Fuel	12.50	25
Lien Search	10.00	2
Federal Liens	15.00	5
Licenses, Raffles & Bazaars	100.00	10
Sale of Zoning Maps & By-Laws	61.00	122
Miscellaneous & Postage	.84	3
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	11,544.04	2,332

Payments to:	
Division of Fisheries & Game	$6,730.25
County of Hampshire	3,028.65
Town of Belchertown	1,785.14
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	11,544.04

Respectfully submitted,
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

Report of Tax and Town Collector Town Treasurer Town Accountant

To the Board of Selectmen:

The reports of the Town Accountant, Tax and Town Collector and the Town Treasurer will be published after July 1, 1974. Due to the 18 month fiscal cycle all records must remain open until June 30, 1974 and the true financial status of the Town will not be known until that time when all books are balanced and closed.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Tax and Town Collector, Treasurer
Deborah A. Downing
Town Accountant

Persons Drawn for Jury Service During 1973

Name	Address	Date Drawn	Jury Service
James F. Hayward	Federal St.	January 2, 1973	Grand Juror
Andrew J. Sears	Green Ave.	January 2, 1973	Traverse Juror
Peter S. Wisnewski	Jabish St.	January 2, 1973	Traverse Juror
John P. Bay	Bay Road	February 5, 1973	Traverse Juror
Edward A. Gallerani	Bay Road	February 5, 1973	Traverse Juror
Pearl E. Very	Gold Street	February 12, 1973	Traverse Juror
Kenneth H. Main	Poole Road	February 12, 1973	Traverse Juror
Edmond A. Blaine	Bay Road	April 17, 1973	Traverse Juror
Russell S. Clement	Bay Road	April 17, 1973	Traverse Juror
Roberta E. Chevalier	Sargent Street	July 16, 1973	Traverse Juror
Richard K. Cook	Chauncy Walker Street	July 16, 1973	Traverse Juror
Robert L. Fay	Wilson Street	July 16, 1973	Traverse Juror
Norman F. Lefebvre	Stebbins Street	July 16, 1973	Traverse Juror
Adelino A. Ribeiro	Stebbins Street	July 16, 1973	Traverse Juror
Melvin F. Andrews	Ballou Street	August 6, 1973	Traverse Juror
Joseph N. Boudreau	Michael Sears Road	August 6, 1973	Traverse Juror
Ellsworth L. Forgue	Jabish Street	August 6, 1973	Traverse Juror
Bessie Getlin	Old Enfield Road	August 6, 1973	Traverse Juror
George B. Jackson	Woodhaven Drive	August 6, 1973	Traverse Juror
Rose Wenzel	Bardwell Street	September 4, 1973	Traverse Juror
Charles H. Eskett	State Street	October 1, 1973	Traverse Juror
George W. Brown	North Washington St.	October 23, 1973	Traverse Juror
John C. Green	North Street	December 10, 1973	Traverse Juror
Joseph F. McCrea	State Street	December 10, 1973	Traverse Juror
Henry H. Coache	So. Liberty St.	December 10, 1973	Traverse Juror
John A. Shutty	Bay Road	December 10, 1973	Traverse Juror
Roy F. Whidden	Bay Road	December 10, 1973	Traverse Juror

Jury List 1973-1974

Name Address	Occupation, Name and Address of Employer
Adzima, Peter J., Ludlow Street	Farmer and Laborer, Jackson and Harrington, Belchertown, Ma.
Anderson, Robert G., Rockrimmon Street	Heavy Equipment Operator, Donald Grant, Norfolk Avenue, Northampton, Ma.
Andrews, Melvin F., Ballou Street	Poultryman, Belchertown State School, Belchertown, Ma.
Austin, Lewis J., Shea Avenue	Retired, Streetlight Patrolman, Mass. Electric Co., North Main Street, Palmer, Ma.
Bonafini, James A., Sr., Franklin Street	Sheet Metal Mechanic, Zero Manufacturing Co., Monson, Ma.
Boudreau, Joseph N., Michael Sears Road	Self-Employed, Auto Repairman, Cold Springs Auto Body, Franklin Street, Belchertown, Ma.
Bronner, Emile J., Hamilton Street	Assembler, Savage Arms, Springdale Street, Westfield, Ma.
Brown, George W., North Washington Street	Millwright, Diamond International Corp., Thorndike, Ma.
Buzzard, Lionel E., Warner Street	Laborer, M.D.C. Quabbin Reservoir, Belchertown, Ma.
Coache, Henry H., South Liberty Street	Superintendent and Carpenter, Fontaine Brothers, Springfield, Ma.

Dandelske, Harold O., Bay Road	Maintenance Supervisor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Ma.
Davenport, Arthur, East Street	Real Estate Manager, Charter Management Associates, Inc., Amherst, Ma.
Dexter, Richard H., Warren Wright Road	Stockman and Truck Driver, Amherst College, College Street, Amherst, Ma.
Digris, Benedict C., Mill Valley Road	Mason Tender, N.J. Sanford and Co., 130 Maple Street, Springfield, Ma.
Ducharme, Conrad L., Howard Street	Supervisor, Mercury Plastics, Fuller Road, Chicopee, Ma.
Eskett, Charles H., State Street	Custodian, Belchertown Public Schools, Belchertown, Ma.
Fish, Arthur R., Sr., Ludlow Street	Air Condition and Refrigeration Mechanic, U.S. Government, Westover A.F.B., Chicopee, Ma.
Forgue, Ellesworth L., Jabish Street	Retired, Bench Hand, Smith Wesson Inc., Springfield, Ma.
Garvan, John J., Jr., Bardwell Street	Lab Technician, The Moore Co., Bernie Avenue, Springfield, Ma.
Green, John C., North Street	Laborer, Repairman, Stockclerk, Electrical Co., Inc., Mt. Tom, Ma.
Hislop, Irving R., North Washington Street	Superintendent, Monsanto Chemical Co., Worcester Street, Springfield, Ma.
Holt, Clifford E., Bardwell Street	Self-Employed, Storeowner, Junction Variety Store, Thorndike, Ma.
Horr, Leon, Jr., Ware Road	Custodian, Belchertown Public Schools, Belchertown, Ma.
Hubler, Miles J., Warren Wright Road	Self-Employed, Part-time, Engineer, Warren Wright Road, Belchertown, Ma.
Hulmes, Jack, Jr., Old Enfield Road	Self-Employed, Contractor, Hulmer Associates, Old Enfield Road, Belchetown, Ma.
Hussey, Jullian H., Jabish Street	Self-Employed, Carpenter, Jabish Street, Belchertown, Ma.
Jackson, George B., Woodhaven Drive	Self-Employed, Real Estate Developer, Jackson and Harrington, State St., Belchertown, Ma.
Keller, Fredrick, Franklin Street	Retired, Mechanic, UniRoyal Tire Co., Chicopee Falls, Ma.
Ketchen, G. Parker, South Main Street	Vice-President, Ketchen Deep-Hole Drilling Co., 9 Mechanic St., Ware, Ma.
King, Roy H., Sr., North Washington Street	Manager, Frozen Foods Dept., Gula's Supermarket, Palmer, Ma.
Kosiba, Frank J., Federal Street	Assistant Supervisor, Division of Employment Security, 25 Fort St., Springfield, Ma.
Labrecque, Doris Lionel, Springfield Road	Self-Employed, Pioneer Aluminum Co., Jackson Street, Belchertown, Ma.
Locke, Milton R., Old Enfield Road	Self-Employed, Old Enfield Road, Belchertown, Ma.
Meaux, Hyman A., Amherst Road	Optical-Mechanical Assembler, Kollmorgen Corp., Northampton, Ma.
McCrea, Joseph F., State Street	Head Farmer, Farm and Grounds Manager, Belchertown State School, Belchertown, Ma.
Plant, Harvey R., Allen Road	Plant Helper, D.D. Ruxton Sand and Gravel, North Amherst, Ma.
Rivers, Robert R., South Washington Street	Electrician, Robert Henrichon, Chauncy Walker St., Belchertown, Ma.
Rock, Stephen, Bay Road	Carpenter, Schroeder Construction Co., Fall River, Ma.
Searle, Richard D., Amherst Road	Self-Employed, Painting Contractor, Amherst, Ma.

Shutty, John A., Bay Road	Unemployed, Machinist, Quabbin Industires, 76 Randall Place, Springfield, Ma.
Soja, Theodore, George Hannum Road	Bench Inspector, Moore Drop Forging Co., Walter Street, Springfield, Ma.
Staples, David A., Old Enfield Road	Service Representative, Rourke-End Paper Co., 261 Weston Street, Hartford, Conn.
Towne, Donald, Sargent Street	Self-Employed, Garageowner, Don's Auto Service, Sargent Street, Belchertown, Ma.
Tremaine, Gerald G., Maple Street	Employment Counsellor, Division of Employment Security, Boston, Ma.
Valliere, Rodriques, III, Mill Valley Road	Senior Technician, Scott Graphics, Inc., Gaylord Street, South Hadley, Ma.
Viens, Gerald J., North Main Street	Self-Employed, Crystal Spring Bakery, Belchertown, Ma.
Viens, Leo J., Bay Road	Forger's Helper, Storms Drop Forge, 70 Storms Court, Springfield, Ma.
Wegiel, William F., Federal Street	Laundryman, Belchertown State School, Belchertown, Ma.
Whidden, Roy F., Bay Road	Maintenance Chief, Jewish Nursing Home, 770 Converse Street, Longmeadow, Ma.
White, Charles W., Kimball Street	Student, School of Visual Arts, 213 E. 23rd Street, New York City, N.Y.

Collis, Janice G., Main Street	Sr. Clerk and Typist, M.D.C., 20 Somerset St., Boston, Ma. (Collis, John A.) Printer, Hamilton I. Newell, University Drive, Amherst, Ma.
Dupuis, Jeanne, South Washington Street	Homemaker (Dupuis, Omer) Stock Expeditor, Monsanto, Co., Indian Orchard, Ma.
Getlin, Bessie, Old Enfield Road	Housekeeper, Mrs. Hudson Holland, Holland Farm, Old Enfield Road, Belchertown, Ma.
Knight, Margaret, Everett Avenue	Housewife (Knight, Howard) Retired
Leavitt, Betty, North Washington Street	Housewife (Leavitt, Donald, Retired)
	Retired, School Teacher, Town of Belchertown, Belchertown, Ma. Widow
Pero, Sophia M., Mill Valley Road	Machinist, Quabbin Industires, Randall Place, Springfield, Ma. (Reed, John H.) Self-Employed, Route 21, Belchertown, Ma.
Reed, Anna J., Gold Street	
Reynolds, Donella E., Jackson Street	Housewife (Reynolds, Joseph H.) Retired
Samborski, Eva A., Ware Road	Housewife (Samborski, Frank) Trucker, The Moore Co., Inc., Chicopee, Ma.
Schmidt, Eleanor L., Ware Road	Housewife (Schmidt, Edward L.) Truck Driver, Piels Brewery, Willimansett, Ma.
Wenzel, Rose, Bardwell Street	Housewife, Retired, Self-Employed Farmer, Belchertown (Wenzel, Godfrey) Retired, Foreman, Dearden Iron Works, Willimanset, Ma.

Assessor's Report

Since we are only two-thirds of the way through the 18 month fiscal year change-over period, we can only issue an interim report at this time. It is virtually impossible for us to prepare a meaningful detailed accounting of the tax structure until the work load has settled down to a normal pace and the fiscal year change-over period has been completed. However, there are some things which we can pass on to you to give you some idea of what is going on in the Assessors' office.

The Assessors' work load has been expanded to the point that we are expected to prepare three separate tax rates within a period normally allotted for the preparation of a single tax rate.

The motor vehicle excise tax, at the state level, is in a hopeless muddle. Tempers still flare as taxpayers are being unjustly billed **through the Registry of Motor Vehicles.** We can only sympathize with you. During the past 12 months, we have processed 649 abatements for unjust motor vehicle excise taxes, resulting in the abatement of $21,740.40. Although this abatement process is a most necessary function, from our point of view, it is an abnormal, non-productive, time-consuming work load which we could well do without. Rumors persist that the excise tax responsibility will be taken away from the Registry of Motor Vehicles and placed under the supervision of the Department of Corporations and Taxation. We feel that this would be a step in the right direction. Our only guidance to you in this area, is to examine your excise tax bill as soon as you receive it and if you find the tax is not correct, then immediately file for an abatement to avoid demand and interest charges.

During the past 12 months, abatements authorized by statutory law for the elderly, veterans, widows, etc. totalled $39,469.12, close to the figure estimated for this purpose.

In our search for equity, we revised assessments on real and personal property resulting in abatements totaling $5,851.45.

Total abatements for all categories in the past 12 months amounted to $67,260.97. It is significant that of this amount, only $5,851.45 comes under the direct control of local government through the Assessors.

We are using the new tax maps. The 1973 property transfers will not be posted until sometime between now and June 1974. There is a set available in the Assessors' office for use by the public. They are not for sale. Indications are that the maps are about 95% accurate—a high percentage of accuracy for a town of our size, especially since the town had never been mapped before. When you have a chance, stop in at the office and check your property. If you have detailed information to show that the map is not correct, provide us with the necessary information, so that the map can be corrected.

Newly enacted legislation plus proposed legislation, some of which is sure to pass in the months ahead, will make life for the Assessors increasingly difficult and more demanding. For example: (1) The assessment of agricultural and horticultural land, according to its use, is now law and will go into effect during 1974. You can expect to hear more about this in the next two months. (2) Increasing pressures are being brought to bear upon the legislature by the taxpayers' association, demanding certification of assessors. The push, through legislation, is to have at least one full time certified assessor in every city and town in the Commonwealth. To prepare for this, we have now completed three separate sessions of schooling (each 7 weeks) given by the Department of Corporations and Taxation. (3) The town of Sudbury has entered a suit against the Department of Corporations and Taxation because the department has not forced all cities and towns to revalue as required by law. We expect the town of Sudbury to win this one. If they do, a good possibility exists that in the near future, Belchertown will have to go through a complete revaluation at a cost of approximately $60,000.00

As we glimpse into the near future, we can predict that current and pending legislation concerning the assessment of agricultural, horticultural and forest land will result in serious erosion of the tax base. When this happens, you can expect the tax rate to soar and the increased cost of operating the town and the school system will have to be absorbed by the homeowner with a building lot.

Board of Assessors
Samuel J. Joyal, Chairman
Isaac A. Hodgen
Walter L. Papp, Secretary

Police Department Report

Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the Police Department for 1973. Following are listed the offenses prosecuted in the District Court of Northampton during the year 1973:

Narcotic Violations	9
Armed Robbery	1
Aggravated Assault (with dangerous weapon)	5
Assault and Battery	9
Breaking and Entering	4
Larceny—Theft (except auto)	11
Use of Car Without Authority	1
Forgery	2
Firearms	1
Possession of Dangerous Weapon	1
Vandalism	4
Driving Under the Influence	26
Abandonment of Motor Vehicle	1
Liquor Law—Auto	23
Drunkeness	5
Disorderly Conduct	4
Ill Treatment of Feeble Minded	3
Illegitimacy	1
Fish and Game Law	14
Driving to Endanger	34
Other Offenses (except traffic)	5
Speeding	198
Stop Sign (and lights)	65
Sticker Violation	10
No License	41
No Registration	34
Defective Equipment	10
Littering Highway	1
Leaving Scene of Property Accident	2
Allowing Improper Person to Operate	2
Zoning Law	2
Juvenile Cases	40

Following is a summary of the activities carried on by the Department during the year 1973. The total number of offenses issued in Northampton District Court were 569. We made 201 arrests and I arraigned the 569 cases in court.

The number of accidents reported and investigated for 1973 were 283, an increase over last year. The fatal accidents this year amounted to 3, the same as in 1972. There was one motorcycle accident, one car-truck accident and one car accident.

This department investigated 1102 complaints, assisted other Police Departments a number of 84 times in locating townspeople without telephones, delivered messages, etc. Homes of vacationers were checked a number of 651 times during this past year. The number of checks are increasing due to the amount of breaking and entering cases being reported. This item alone is taking up many man hours each day. We also checked places of business and other buildings, finding 173 doors and windows opened.

This year the cruisers mileage was 76,898 miles, an increase over last year. Having the two cruisers has again proved to be an asset, as better coverage of the town is made and faster service in responding to emergency calls as we try to station them each in a different section of town. We had 144 ambulance trips. These trips include people who are injured in accidents as well as taking town residents to hospitals and nursing homes. Even though it has been publicized that there is a new ambulance service in town, at this time I feel it should be noted that the Police ambulance is still available and in use for townspeople. This service performed by the Police Department is still the same service that has been done in the past, and without charge. Thanks to the kindness of those people who have made donations to the Police Association, we are able to replenish ambulance supplies.

Several men again this year have taken the first aide course, which is required by law, to man the ambulance. These men also leave their places of employment quite often to answer a call, as accidents and sickness do no occur at any specified time of day or night. At this time I would like to thank all persons involved and their employers who allow these men to leave their jobs to answer the calls. As many of you may already know, there is a new law coming into effect in the near future concerning ambulance personnel having the Emergency Medical Technicians Training. We already have sent several men who now hold certificates received after completing the course and there are six men presently going who will soon be qualified. I along with two other officers hold instructor cards in cardio pulmonary resuscitation. We have six officers who also went to radar school. I also received a certificate from Holyoke Community College for a ten week course in Management Personnel. I have just successfully completed a course of instruction in drug abuse education, at Greenfield Community College. For completing this course I received a field kit which I can use to immediately test any drug. Members of the Police Department gave first aide instruction along with cardio pulmonary resuscitation to members of the local Boy Scouts, thus enabling them to receive their first aid badge.

The Department consists of myself as a full-time Chief, 2 part-time Sergeants, 1 part-time Policewoman, and 18 part-time Patrolmen, of which 13 are doing the night patrols and the others are doing only church traffic on Sundays. Again this year I have requested that the Department have three full-time men, but to no avail. This year we have added 5 new men to the Department, one of whom has experience with another Police Department. We have lost two excellent officers from the Department, one who is attending Medical School in Worcester and the other has taken the position of Chief of Police in Bernardston, Massachusetts.

I have conducted classes on the average of once a week during the past year. The Department has arranged for speakers on drugs for a high school class and another organization in town.

This year we have had a sharp increase on juvenile cases in town over last year.

I would like to thank the Police Departments of the surrounding towns, the Metropolitan District Police for their help and for answering our phones on a stand-by basis, the State Police, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the District Court officials in Northampton, and our local Fire Chief and his men for the help and cooperation they have given to me and my Department.

A special thanks to the Amherst Police Department for their cooperation for responding to assistance, their lockup, breathalizer and now we are on their radio frequency which has proven to be a great help in many instances. Since our article published in the Sentinel requesting that local residence report suspicious activities, such as strange cars in their area, unusual incidents occuring and other things the response has been very gratifying. The Department hopes that they will continue in the future.

In as much as the telephones for the Department are also in my home and most evenings are covered by myself, at this time I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to my family for their patience, support and consideration shown me. I would also like to thank Mr. Parker Ketchen, Liaison Officer for the Police Department, for his cooperation and understanding shown to my Department.

My sincere thanks to the townspeople who have also cooperated with this department during the past year.

Sincerely,
Ernest M. Gay
Chief of Police

Dog Officer Report

Selectmen
Town of Belchertown

This is a run down of what my son and I have been doing in 1973. This account does not include the many telephone calls, etc. that we receive in the course of a day.

1973	Strays	Invest	Hit by Car	Found Owners	Dogs Picked Up for Police
Jan.	12	5	1	4	
Feb.	8	3	1	5	
Mar.	7	9	3	4	
Apr.	10	2	4	5	
May	19	3	5	5	10
June	19	3	1	4	6
July	11	4	1	3	6
Aug.	24	7	2	4	8
Sept.	19	6	2	5	11
Oct.	19	5	5	6	3
Nov.	19	6	2	4	5
Dec.	16	3	3	3	3
	183	56	30	52	52

Wallace Chevalier
Dog Officer

Tree Warden & Supt. of Insect Pest Control

I hereby submit my report for 1973 as Tree Warden and local Superintendent of Insect Pest Control.

Tree Warden:

During the year twenty-eight trees were cut down and hauled away.

Dutch Elm Disease:

Thirty-seven tested and condemned trees were cut down and destroyed.

Insect Pest Control:

Elm trees were sprayed twice with methoxychlor to combat Dutch Elm Disease.

Road side trees were sprayed for Gypsy Moth on all roads bordering towns of Ludlow and Granby, in addition to other street trees in town, where we found new outbreaks of Gypsy Moth. Again carbaryl was used for this spraying.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert W. Brown
Tree Warden and Local Superintendent
of Insect Pest Control

Fire Department Report

To the Board of Selectmen of Belchertown: My annual report as Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden follows:

Responses totaled 87 for the year 1973.

Building fires	30
Brush and grass fires	32
Auto fires and accidents	16
Search for lost persons	4
False alarms	5
Total estimated loss to buildings	$65,200
Total estimated loss to contents	11,600

The Pollution Control Board has advised that the ban on out door buring will be lifted between March 15, 1974 and April 15, 1974. Also, March 15, 1975 to April 15, 1975, the Pollution Board will allow outdoor burning. The above pertains to brush only.

The exterior of the fire station was covered with siding during 1973. Specifications were completed, bids submitted, and a contract signed by the Town with the Maxim Fire Apparatus Co. for a new pumper to replace the 1953 pumper. Delivery is expected early in June.

Progress has been reported on the long awaited numbering system. It should be completed early this year. This will be a tremendous help to us in locating houses occupied by unfamiliar names.

Our firefighters Association has been extremely active during 1973. Hours have been spent by the truck committee studying requirements, and preparing specifications for the new pumper.

Another successful raffle occupied many hours of work by our members. We again thank the townspeople for their continued generosity and support.

This fall and winter more hours of volunteer labor have built a 20 x 20 foot addition to the fire station. Much of the money resulting from our annual fund raising was spent for materials for this addition.

I again express my thanks to my fellow firefighters, to Police Chief Ernest Gay, and his force, and to all town departments for their continued help and cooperation.

Our team could not be complete without the faithful Belchertown State School telephone operators who continue to provide our answering service. I extend my thanks to them.

Our department lost two long time friends through death during 1973. M. C. Baggs served this department as Chief from 1929 to 1950. It was this man who reorganized the department and to whom we owe so much. He remained an interested member until his health required him to move to a nursing home.

Fred Lincoln was also a charter member of the reorganized department, and his membership dates back to 1929. He, like Mitt Baggs, maintained his interest until his death last February. He also will be greatly missed.

Belchertown Fire Dept. Personnel

Fire Chief	Louis E. Fuller
Deputy Chief	Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Assistant Chief	Raymond R. Menard
Deputy Chief	Donald Bock
Captain	Isaac A. Hodgen
Lieutenant	Edward L. Fuller
Lieutenant	Hugh Hubbard, Jr.
Lieutenant	David Hodgen
Lieutenant	Samuel Joyal

Members

Royal Gay
Edward Gates
Thomas Fuller
William Shattuck
Kenneth J. Thayer
Irving Hislop
John Ribeiro
Benjamin Williams
Robert Smith
Albert Dewhurst
Richard McGinnis
Herbert Wood
Richard Knight
Raymond Peeso
David Auclair
Harry Brougham
Paul Greene
Roy Reece, Jr.
George Greule
Lionel Ogilvie
Robert Anderson
William Stirling

State School Operators

Clare Kelly
Helen Gaudreau
Margaret Dudrick
Bernedette Fountain
Geneveve Rusiecki
Patricia Staples
Madeline Geer

Inactive Members

Ernest M. Gay
William Squires, Jr.
Sherman Gould

Respectfully submitted,
Louis E. Fuller
Chief of Fire Dept.
Forest Fire Warden

Belchertown Planning Board Report

Members: John J. Sullivan III, Chairman; Stanford J. Harrington, Vice Chairman; Donald S. Cole, Clerk; Duggan A. Kimball, Representative to the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission and also the Joint Transportation Committee; Everett Plant, Member.

Staff: Susan C. Michael, Administrative Assistant.

To: The Board of Selectmen and citizens of the Town of Belchertown

The Belchertown Planning Board met a total of fifteen (15) times over the twelve month period of 1973, and in many cases, was present at the meetings of other Boards as well. Also, the Board held eight (8) Public Hearings: seven (7) for proposed amendments to the Town Zoning By-Laws and one (1) with respect to a proposed change in the Town Subdivision Regulations.

Early in the year, Mr. John Sullivan was selected as Chairman; Mr. Stanford Harrington was selected as Vice Chairman; Mr. Roy Cunningham as Clerk; Mr. Donald Cole as Representative to the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission and Everett Plant as member.

The Board would like to express its gratitude for the services of Mr. Roy Cunningham, who resigned in July, 1973 and has since moved to Florida. Taking Mr. Cunningham's place on the Board is Duggan A. Kimball. A resident of Belchertown for twenty-five years, Mr. Kimball will serve on the Board until March of 1974.

Due to the resignation of Mr. Cunningham and the subsequent appointment of Mr. Kimball, the Board reorganized in August and Mr. Cole became Clerk and Mr. Kimball became the Representative to the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Kimball also serves as the Belchertown town representative on the Joint Transportation Committee which meets regularly and is studying a regional transportation system.

The Planning Board hired a new full time staff member in 1973. Ms. Susan Michael took the place of two former advisors who left the staff in June. Ms. Michael is currently serving as Administrative Assistant and is completing the house numbering project as well as working on street studies and other administrative duties of the Board. As in 1973, the coming year will bring an increased workload to the Board members and it is anticipated that Ms. Michael will take on added responsibilities in the coming year.

House Numbering

The Planning Board looks forward to the completion of the house numbering in 1974. This work is of the utmost important for the residents of Belchertown as well as the Fire and Police Departments and the Postal Service. As Belchertown grows steadily each year, more and more newcomers add their names to the list of Town residents. New subdivisions and development along existing roads have added many new residents to the population of Belchertown. Increasingly it becomes difficult to locate houses simply by the owner's name; and in the unfortunate event of a tragedy or emergency of any nature, it is of the utmost importance that the resident be able to give an exact location of his home for emergency services. So, at the request of other Boards, and upon general demand from the population, the Planning Board undertook the house numbering task in 1973. The project was assigned to a staff member and is being completed this year by the Board's new assistant, Ms. Michael.

Subdivision Control

There was a noted increase in requests for subdivisions over the last year. Numerous preliminary plans were presented to the Board and in many cases, definitive plans are now in preparation stages. One subdivision was completed in 1973 and the new road, Country Lane, was accepted by the Town at the December Special Town Meeting. Other subdividions previously approved by the Planning Board have reached various levels of completion and have consequently added new housing stocks to the town. The roads within these subdivisions will undoubtedly be brought to the Town for acceptence in the coming year, 1974.

Approvals Not Required

A continuing high level of activity in land division along existing streets persisted in 1973 and is expected to continue through the coming year. There is still a large amount of undeveloped land along town roads and as long as this remains the case there will be continued land division in this fashion.

In general, town growth has been steadily increasing over the last few years. New home construction hit the 100 mark in 1973 and there were numerous building permits issued for additions and renovations to commercial establishments.

Street Survey

This continual growth has presented problems, however, for various Town Boards. Because of increased development the Selectmen became concerned about the street situation. There was no easy, efficient way to find basic vital information about the roads in Town, i.e., the width, length and status of each road. The Planning Board was therefore charged with the responsibility of making an inventory of all the roads in the Town, specifically to determine the width and length of each right-of-way and its status, i.e., what governmental body is responsible for the road's maintenance. This information is necessary because in order to measure setback requirements in compliance with the Zoning By-Laws, it is necessary to establish the bounds of the road. The Planning Board has hired a consultant to start on this survey with the help of the Board's Administrative Assistant, Ms. Michael. Together, they hope to prepare a comprehensive list of streets with all of the information necessary for use by various Town Boards.

Comprehensive Planning

The moratorium on the construction of multi-family dwellings and trailer parks continued through 1973 as the Town awaits the preparation of a comprehensive plan.

The framework for a large portion of the comprehensive plan for Belchertown rests on a major soil survey which will tell us what uses would be best for land throughout the town. The Planning Board and the Conservation Commission took steps to undertake a soil survey of the town. The work is being performed by the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) and is partially funded by the Belchertown Conservation Commission and a grant from the Ford Foundation. This soil survey is the basic framework for the land use portion of the master plan and will also act as a guide to other Boards as well as the Conservation Commission. The SCS will present the completed survey to the Town in May, 1974. With these facts in hand and the results of the Select Committee on Goals (SCOG) report, the Planning Board can take steps to put together a comprehensive plan which would be based on accurate and concise soil information. Until this data is mapped and available to the Board and its staff, it would be difficult to make decisions on a **comprehensive** basis regarding how land should be used in the future. We need the soil characteristics of the land to determine whether the land could or should hold structures, what land should remain in agricultural use, as well as what land has the best characteristics for business, commercial, and industrial uses.

While the Soil Conservation Commission has been working on the survey, other aspects of the master plan have received attention as well. The Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC), which is aiding the Planning Board with the master plan, arranged in 1973 to have two graduate students from the University Year for Action Program of the University of Massachusetts collect data on the forest and hydrology characteristics of the entire town. The two students, Mr. Robert Townsend (Forestry Department) and Mr. Phillip Smith (Geology Department) have been working throughout the year on their projects. Mr. Townsend has completed his forestry survey and land management reports and will present a summary to the Planning Board at their February meeting. Mr. Smith is due to complete his work on the hydrology aspects of the Town in June, 1974. These reports represent a significant amount of work and aid to local Boards; the Planning Board owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. Townsend and Mr. Smith and further, to the University of Massachusetts for allowing these talented students to work in Belchertown. In the coming year, we hope to utilize the University's programs further, in the final stages of the comprehensive plan. The Board has met with Professor Julius Fabos and discussed the possibility of obtaining aid from the Department of Regional Planning.

1974 will undoubtedly prove to be an interesting year for the Planning Board and for Belchertown in general. The past year was a year of hard work and great progress . . . we look forward to 1974 with hope and will do our best to build upon what we have learned in 1973 and other years past.

Belchertown Planning Board

Agent-Sanitarian

To: The Honorable Board of Health, Belchertown, Massachusetts

As Agent—Sanitarian for the Board of Health, I respectfully submit my annual report for 1973.

During 1973, regular inspections were made on all food service establishments and all retail food service establishments as required by law. Progress has been shown in the up-grading of all the establishments.

One bakery and three retail food establishments were licensed as required by law.

Monthly inspections were made of the two mobile home parks located in the town. Both parks are maintained in a satisfactory condition.

During the summer months regular water samples are obtained from the town beach and the drinking water supply. All samples complied with standards set for each supply.

One private water sample was taken and the results forwarded to the owner.

Three public health nuisance complaints were investigated with members of the Board of Health. Appropriate action was taken for all complaints.

Monthly inspections were made at the town dump. Recently, the changes made at the dump have been very satisfactory. The maintenance of the area has improved greatly.

Consultation to the Board of Health has been provided as requested.

Once again, I wish to extend my thanks to the people of Belchertown and to the Board of Health for the fine cooperation extended to me during 1974.

Respectfully submitted,
John A. Brickett, R.S.
Agent—Sanitarian

Highway Department Report

This year the Highway Department has continued on its program which was set up back in 1966. Under this program we set goals to completely resurface and maintain our secondary highways so that we might eliminate our gravel streets. Belchertown now has approximately 115 miles of highways and only 30% of these roads are gravel. Four years ago we set up an account in the budget known as "Streets", each year we have appropriated approximately $20,000.00 to this account to complete the streets involved. School bus routes and mail routes have taken preference on our list. We are breaking down our report as follows so you might see how the funds are being spent.

1973-74 Streets (Appropriated $15,000.00)

The following streets were included in this project: North Street, Federal Street, Wilson Street, Bardwell Street, Federal Street, Ludlow Street, Michael Sears Road, Howard Street.

Out of this list four streets were completed and the following new streets will be added for 1974-75: Green Avenue, Sabin Street, Gulf Road.

Since 1966 some 21 streets have been resurfaced under this program.

Chapter 81

Chapter 81 covers all secondary roads. The State contributes $28,808.00 and the Town contributes $4,190.00 for Chapter 81 and any work done under this program must be approved by the State Engineer assigned to our Town. The main goals now set up for Chapter 81 are resurfacing and updating the existing roads plus drainage, which is the main cause of most of our road deterioration. This year 34 roads received treatment under the 81 program. We will continue to work on roads that were not resurfaced in 1973 until all 34 are completed then new streets will be added.

Chapter 90 Construction and 90 Maintenance

Chapter 90 Construction funds this year were spent in two areas: 1) reconstruct area of Bay Road starting at the Amherst town line heading east. This year we completed resurfacing this section to the intersection of Warren Wright Road. Next year we will continue from this point and work toward intersection of Bay Road and Stebbins Street. Realizing the amount of fill required in this area we would like to note that 80% of this fill was given to the Town by the Snows at no cost. 2) the second program under 90 C was rebuilding and a new drainage system at the site just east of the Central Vermont Railroad tracks on Bay Road. For years this area has been a constant source of major water and ice problems during the winter and it was felt that this area should be fixed for public safety reasons. Approximately $50,000.00 was spent on these two projects.

We have programmed for the year 1974 to continue using our Chapter 90 C funds to work on the new section of Bay Road until such time as it is completed. There is really no way that an estimate as to the cost of this project can be determined. All engineering costs are borne by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the land cost, which were completed this year, for takings of various pieces of property was taken from Federal Revenue Sharing.

Chapter 90 Maintenance has had as one of its projects, for the last four years, Route 21. Another section was resurfaced with bituminous concrete bringing us up to the intersection of Turkey Hill Road. Approximately $6,000.00 was spent on this project. Route 9 was started at the Pelham town line heading south approximately 1/2 mile received bituminous concrete and in 1974 the second section will be completed bringing us to 1 mile of resurfacing of a road built 15 years ago. We spent approximately $12,000.00 to resurface this area. The remainder of the Chapter 90 M funds were spent on Route 181, 9, 21, and Three Rivers Road for general maintenance of such items as drainage, guardrails, etc.

Other Projects

The highway department was involved in the complete reconstruction of the Sanitary Landfill Area to meet State standards. This job has been completed and the area now meets state approval. Also the highway department was involved in rebuilding of Hamilton Street grade crossing and the Jackson Street grade crossing of which all funds were received under the State safety program for both the reconstruction work and the warning lights, at no cost to the Town.

Ice and Snow

Winter snow removal cost approximately $40,000.00 this year. Approximately 2,000 yards of sand and 500 tons of salt were required for the roads. We now hire 15 outside vehicles, other than our own, to plow streets in town. Route 9, 181, 21 and Three Rivers Road completely monopolizes all 5 town vehicles nearly 90% of the time, the remainder of time is used by our trucks for sanding. So far this past winter we have had no major problems with snow and ice removal.

Equipment

The Selectmen are recommending the town purchase a new dump truck to replace a 1964 truck, which will be traded at the time of bidding, and a new pickup truck for the Highway Superintendent. The old pickup truck will be used to replace the Civil Defense pickup truck, which has ceased to operate, and will be used, also, by the Parks, Beach and Recreation Director and summer help. Thanks to the townspeople we now have a new sander, which has showed its worth during the recent snow storms.

Summary

It is the feeling of the Board of Selectmen and the Highway Superintendent that after completing Bay Road we should not take on any major projects. We feel our entire funds should go to repairing and maintaining our existing highways. The railroad bridge on Route 181 has high priority with the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and it is our hope by 1974 plans will be finalized for construction of a new bridge or grade crossing by 1975. We would like to thank the members of the highway department for their cooperation during the year in helping make our many projects successful and also thank the residents of our community in helping us with the many problems that arise.

William Gerry Whitlock
Arthur J. Moriarty
Liaisons to the Highway Department

Civil Defense

All routine operations of the Civil Defense for Belchertown were effected during the 1973 year.

Inspection of the Belchertown fallout shelters at the State School and Quabbin Administration building was made by the Director.

Two local director meetings, called by the Sector 4C Director, held in Northampton, were attended by the Belchertown Director.

A course "Civil Defense Director/Coordinator" given by the Staff College, Office of Civil Defense, was completed by the local director during the year.

This Department, having been assigned the responsibility for care of the town's portable emergency electric power generator, a schedule of periodic maintainance and inspection has been carried out through the year. The generator has been relocated for standby storage at the Highway Department garage with the starter batteries on continuous trickle charge.

The CD Dept. communications equipment has been tested on a monthly basis throughout the year, and our local unit has reported into all Sector 4C radio drills during this time.

The problem of obtaining and holding Dept. personnel exists as usual, and manpower was reduced by one resignee in 1973.

Total expenditures for Civil Defense have been kept within the budget of $500.00 for the 18 month period, with a balance of $138.38 remaining as of Dec. 6, 1973.

Respectfully submitted,
R. H. Phoenix
Director, Civil Defense
Town of Belchertown
Belchertown, Mass.

Cemetery Commission

Early in March of 1973 the Cemetery Commissioners met and organized with the following officers:
Chairman, Edward L. Fuller
Clerk, Paul Cook
Daniel MacPhee, third member

In 1973 signs were made and installed in all cemeteries, and an additional sixty lots were mapped out in South Cemtery.

The Cemetery Commission turned back to the Town $1,655.00 in opening fees, and $530.00 from the sale of lots. $755.00 was deposited in the Perpetual Care Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward L. Fuller, Chairman

Sewer Commission

The activity of the Belchertown Sewer Commission has increased to a greater degree. Due to rapid expansion of the town we added several new connections and surveyed and sealed 4,179 feet of sewer main. With the services of the Penetryn System, Inc. of Nashua, New Hampshire. This is the third year of this program of combating infiltration of ground matter into the sewer mains, which is one of the major problems in the system.

This year we worked in harmony with the Belchertown State School to install a liner in one of the lagoons adjacent to the sewage treatment plant. The preparation of the base and the necessary processed sand was furnished by the Town of Belchertown, with the liner and labor for the installation supplied by the Belchertown State School. All of which is helping to increase the efficiency of the treatment system.

Respectfully submitted,
Harry L. Brougham, Chairman
Preston Atwood, Clerk
Peter Whittaker

Select Committee on Goals

The Select Committee on Goals was created by act of the August, 1972 town meeting with a charge "to undertake a study to determine the direction which the town's people envision and desire for the town in respect to residential, commercial, and industrial development, preservation of open spaces and other recreational land, transportation, vehicular traffic, services of the town, and any other considerations deemed appropriate by the committee."

With this charge, the Town Moderator, Mr. Charles Jackson, appointed members to the committee with its first meeting scheduled in late October, 1972. Approximately 45 meetings of the committee were held during the period between the committees appointment and the writing of this report, in which time a comprehensive survey instrument was developed with the aid of technical assistance of the University of Massachusetts, 2,500 town's people were surveyed with 998 responding, and again with the aid of the University of Massachusetts Computing Center, the results were analyzed. A comprehensive report using the results obtained has been compiled and presented to the Planning Board and the Selectmen. Additional copies have been distributed to other town committees who participated in the formation stages of this project. A copy of the complete computer results are filed in the Belchertown library along with a number of copies of the committees report.

As was indicated in the 1972 town meeting charge, the work of this committee is completed with the presentation of this formal report. The valuable data obtained and presented in the report falls now within the domain of the respective town committees, particularly the Planning Board and the Selectmen, and to the Citizen's Advisory Committee which is working with Planning Board to create a master plan for the Town of Belchertown. It is the sincere hope of the Select Committee on Goals that the extensive efforts which we have voluntarily given to the town in what we believe to be a most worthwhile project, will be used as the basis for improving the town and its services as the town's people have indicated. Our fear, however, is that this effort and report are premature in that the town government is neither prepared for nor desirous of the changes suggested by the town's people responding to this survey.

The committee at this time wishes to publicly acknowledge, with sincere appreciation, the contribution of thoughts and desires which so many people expressed in completing the survey and its report. Extensive written comments and suggestions indicating the sincere interest on the part of many people was most gratifying to our committee in terms of the support expressed and the valuable contribution of ideas.

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick
Chairman

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

Tested and sealed—Jan. 1, 1973 to Dec. 31, 1973

Scales over 10,000 lbs.	3
Scales 100 lbs. to 5,000 lbs.	6
Scales under 100 lbs.	15
Avoidupois Weights	22
Gasoline pumps	37
Kerosene and grease pumps	9
Cloth measuring devices	4
Yard sticks	18

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer fees amounting to $218.25.

Royal H. Gay
Sealer

Housing Authority

The Belchertown Housing Authority reached 100% occupancy of their 48 unit state aided housing for the elderly on April 1, 1973. After 100% occupancy was attained, only one unit was made available for renting during the remainder of the year 1973. There are currently over 200 applications on file to form our waiting list. When a vacancy occurs, applications are processed as of the date they were filed.

During the year 1973, the maximum income limits for admission in state aided housing for the elderly were raised to $4,500. maximum net income for an individual and $5,000. maximum net income for a couple.

Louis J. Austin, Chairman
Edmund F. Wallace
Arlan V. Skinner
Kenneth W. Thayer
Sophia M. Pero

Parks, Beach & Recreation Committee

Progress in many areas were made this year with an eye to the future. An employee (under Federal Funding) joined the Recreation Department this summer. Harrison Knox worked with the department part-time keeping the baseball fields and town beach in shape. This fall and winter, working full time in this department, he cleaned the old Town Hall and has supervised programs there for children and adults. The demand for the use of the old Town Hall is expanding and it now appears the old building may be worth the money spent on it. Mr. Knox also started recreational programming for our senior citizens, ordered new needed equipment, and has started planning for future recreational programs for our townspeople. However, the Federal funds will run out in June and this committee strongly recommends the Town now fund this position so that the recreation program can be expanded and kept at a high quality.

Under the direction of Richard Cook, Parsons Field will now have toilet facilities and a storage area. The building will be completed by summer. This facility was privately and Federally funded. A future addition will include a pavillion.

Again, this past summer the swimming instructions of the town beach and the boys' baseball program were a big success. Both programs were under the direction of William Kirk.

The town beach was used heavily this past summer with no big problems encountered. With the use of a policeman at regular intervals, there was a cut down on the use of the beach by out-of-towners.

If this committee is provided with the funds we are asking for, there will be an expansion of recreational services for all ages all year long. Future programs will include soft ball leagues for women and men, summer activities for young girls to parallel the boys' baseball program, expanded services for our senior citizens, programs at the old Town Hall and special recreational activities through the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael P. Forgue, Richard Cook, Co-Chairmen
June Smith, Secretary
Shirley Dorey
William Wiegel

Board of Health Report

1973 was a memorable year for your Board of Health. Visiting Nurse Association facilities were finally made available to the residents of Belchertown. After many years of effort by concerned citizens, your Board of Health firmly believes that Belchertown's affiliation with the Palmer Visiting Nurse Association will prove most beneficial to many of our citizens, both young and old.

In conjunction with the school department and Dr. Collard, there were several immunization clinics for children, D.P.T. meales and german measles. There were no reported cases of measles, german measles or mumps in Belchertown in 1973. Dr. Collard administered 51 shots to school personnel, fire and police department members.

The clerk of contagious diseases reports the following for 1973—

Chicken Pox	23	Hepatitis—viral	3
Bacillary	3	Salmonellosie	2
Dysentery	3	Streptococcal sorethroat	4

Above includes those reported from Belchertown State School.

Premature Infant Births 3

In conjunction with the Boards sanitary responsibilities, 127 new disposal systems were inspected and 8 repaired systems approved. There were 9 investigations made, as a result of complaints. One building was ordered "raised" after being condemned. Two others are under investigation.

Mr. Edw Czupkiewicz, our Plumbing Inspector, made 126 inspections.

It is with deep regret and a great sense of loss to the community that this Board wishes to acknowledge the recent passing of our clerk of contagious diseases for many years Mrs. Doris Squires.

Respectfully submitted,
James A. Bonafini
John P. Bay
Charlotte P. Ketchen, R.N.

Animal Inspector

For the year 1973, thirty (30) animal bites were investigated—included were dogs, a cat, a rabbit, a bear, and a skunk, which were confined and released; stray cat and stray dogs.

The barn inspection and livestock count required by the Division of Animal Health was conducted in December. Seventy-nine (79) barns were inspected. For the first time, the Division of Animal Health requested a list of the places where horses are kept for hire. Two have been reported. This will provide the Division with a list of people to whom applications can be sent for a riding stable license.

Respectfully submitted,
Lewis J. Austin,
Animal Inspector

School Committee Report

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

From the first one room school which our local history informs us was opened in 1762, to the five buildings valued at millions of dollars 211 years later; the efficient use of tax dollars to maintain public education in Belchertown at the high standards currently in effect remains our reason for existence.

Your school committee met forty-five times during the past year. In addition, numerous sub-committee meetings were held with representatives of bargaining groups from the various staff organizations, with members of the administration and with teachers from all the schools.

It is apparent that the school department budget will be again in excess of a million dollars. There are many reasons! Some of the most obvious are listed as follows: inflation, a more than one hundred percent increase in fuel costs, soaring utility costs, more particularly the cost of electricity, and a steady increase in student population. It is of interest to note here that during the period beginning October 1, 1973 fifty-two new students were enrolled in the Belchertown school system while during the same period only twelve students left. Statistics have been quoted from various sources indicating that the birth rate is declining and school populations should begin showing a decrease. The fact that one hundred new homes were begun last year in town is making a different impact on our school population, we now have approximately thirteen hundred children in our five schools. Another major increase is caused by the State Legislature which mandates the implementation of special programs without providing additional funding. Anticipated costs caused by the provisions of the new Special Education Law (Chapter 766) which will take effect on September 1, 1974, must be included in the budget.

During the year we continued with our successful preventative maintenance programs. All the buildings were cleaned, painted as required and repairs made to roofs and brickwork and other projects as needed. To combat excessive heat problems during the months of June and September in the second floor of the Jr. Sr. High School, suspended ceilings were installed in rooms 205 and 113. A new 3000 gallon oil tank was installed at Memorial School and six classrooms were painted. The renovation program started during 1970 at Franklin School will be continued with the advent of good weather when new sanitary facilities will be built. A major expense was caused by the failure of the heating system at Cold Spring School. A new oil burner complete with new controls and other accessories had to be installed. The original burner could not be repaired. Investigation of the ten thousand gallon fuel storage tank at Cold Spring showed that over the years foreign materials had contaminated the tank to a depth of almost twelve inches. The oil was removed and the tank was entered and cleaned. The committee wishes to thank Mr. William Kimball and his dedicated staff for the fine job that is so readily evident when one visits our schools.

We are happy to report that much progress has been made in many areas. The new grade-level system in the elementary schools has been quite successful. Individualized math instruction has proven itself and will be expanded. To the seventy plus parent volunteers, to our good neighbors from the Elderly Housing Apartments and to the high school volunteers the Committee wishes to publically express it's thanks for the many hours spent making the program work. The multiple use of school facilities has been most heartening. For example, a heavily attended elementary gymnastic program supervised by U Mass students is held early every Monday and Thursday evening. Following the youngsters is a women's physical education program. Adult education classes in art, photography and sewing are currently in session. Sunday afternoon is used by a basketball program. The Music Crusaders and the Belchertown Color Camera Club meet in other rooms. The Committee wishes to strongly encourage any interested party to contact Mr. Curry for details concerning the use of your facilities.

It would seem that this would be an appropriate place to thank Mr. Les Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Cornielle, the Band and all the others who performed in and supported Photo-Musicale. The success of this outstanding production, whether here in Belchertown, Hartford, Lexington or Canada is something every person in Town can be proud of. The conduct of the young people particularly is a credit to their parents and teachers.

In closing the committee wishes to thank Messrs. Curry, Rokas, Eastman, Barrett and their staffs, both educational and non-professional, the students, the non-teaching staff, the parents, other town officials, the taxpayers and all those either directly or non-directly a part of the school system who contributed to it's success.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold E. Mellin, Chairman
Belchertown School Committee

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Members of the School Committee and the Citizens of Belchertown:

The Belchertown Public Schools have a responsibility to offer our youth maximum opportunity for a personal and realistic education. To accomplish this goal we must guarantee a humane educational setting. We are doing our best to provide a teaching staff of professionals who understand and sympathize with the difficulties encountered by many children; who are considerate of the feelings of young people; who show neither favoritism nor partiality; who adapt their methods and techniques to meet the individual needs of their students; and who show respect for and are respected by those in their classes.

School Committee member Mrs. Dorothy Rhodes and her committee of teachers have been working to provide an evaluation method geared to meet the objectives of our educational philosophy and tuned to the practices and behaviors which tend to result in the achievement of these objectives.

BELCHERTOWN JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL

The following programs were carried out at the Jr. Sr. High School during 1973:

1. GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

The Guidance Department is now enjoying new office space at the Jr. Sr. High on the second floor opposite the Library. Due to the need of additional office space, which was lacking on the first floor, it was necessary to find new space. This was done by remodeling the Seminar Room and Teacher's Workroom next to the Seminar Room. The main room which houses Mrs. Jean Phaneuf, the Guidance Secretary, and all of the occupational, educational and scholarship information for students is smaller than the old one but it enabled us to create an office for Mrs. Carole Cohen, the Junior High Counselor.

Following the Christmas Holidays everyone settled down to the task of completing the school year successfully and most did this without much difficulty. Many of those who weren't successful took advantage of the Summer School make-up programs and came back in the Fall with credits made up. Three of our high schools girls attended the Upward Bound Project in Northfield. This program is provided through Federal funds to provide an opportunity for young people to learn to adjust to academic situations and return to their regular schools and take better advantage of their learning environments. It also helps to gain financial aid if these same students should decide to further their education beyond high school. It is a coeducational program.

January through June also saw the Seniors culminate their youthful school career with graduation which saw 82 students successfully receive their diploma. Some of them chose to formally continue their education while others chose to enter gainful employment, the service, or a homemaking career. As of graduation, some were not very successful. The job market to today's graduates is not an easy one and often frustrating. Job opportunities in Belchertown are few which means transporation becomes one of the biggest problems they must face. Another serious problem they must deal with is that of experience. Many employers are offering job opportunities but many of these require the person to have training and experience before being hired. The energy crisis is going to make this situation even more serious than ever.

Statistics for the Class of 1973:

38 percent went on to higher education
32 percent gained full-time employment
18 percent were unemployed
7 percent entered the Armed Forces
5 percent married.

Scholarships awarded at graduation:

The Steeple Memorial Scholarship: Carla Neggers
The Lt. Michael P. Austin Memorial Awards: Sandra Dorey, Sandra Lyon
The Louis A. Shumway Memorial Scholarship: James LaValle
The Mary Judkins Memorial Scholarship: Richard Walker
The Robert C. Morey Memorial Athletic Scholarship: William Vosburgh
The Walter L. Papp Scholarship: Roy Bergeron
The Holland Family Award: Patricia Austin
The Lions Club Scholarships: Kim Phaneuf, Theresa Wadsworth
Chauncey D. Walker Legion Auxiliary Scholarships: Patricia Austin, Nancy McCrea
Parent-Teachers Organization: Anita Smith
Student Council Scholarship: Patricia Wegiel
Belchertown Registered Nurses Association Scholarship: Laura Madden
Belchertown Teachers Association Scholarships: Darice Vanasse, Albert Brighenti, Theresa Wadsworth, Carla Neggers, Patricia Wegiel, Paul Clark.

In actual dollar value we realized $2,010.00 from local scholarship funds. More scholarship dollars are needed to help meet the rising cost of higher education and we are very grateful for those given annually by the above listed organizations.

Graduation exercises for eighty-two seniors were held on June 7, 1973 in the high school gymnasium. This year we had Tri-Valedictorians of the Class of 1973. They were Patricia Austin, Carla Neggers, and Nancy

McCrea. The main address was given by the Honorable James E. O'Leary, member of the House of Representatives from Holyoke.

CLASS OF 1973

Ablicki, Thomas David
Anderson, Ronald Peter
**Atwell, Candace Hope
*Austin, Patricia Ellen
**Barrett, Patrice Michelle
Bergeron, Roy Francis
*Brighenti, Albert Reno
Brougham, Michael Ralph
Choquette, Paula Eva
Clark, Paul Edward
Cole, Robert Leonard
Cook, Jr., Richard Kenneth
Czupkiewicz, Gail Ann
**Dorey, Sandra Robin
Fantom, Laurie Jean
Fay, Cheryl Ann
*Fay, Lori Ann
Ferris, Patricia Lucille
Fish, Christine Marie
Gaudreau, Armand Philip
Gay, Kenneth Lloyd
Gentile, Robin Corrine
Giguere, Donna Lee Marie
Hayward, Susan Barbara
*Hess, Debra Jean
Howard, Holly Ann
Hutchinson, William David
*Johnson, Clair Elizabeth
Kelley, James Bernard
Kimball, Patrice Rae
Krause, Gretchen Merle
Kuczma, George
LaValle, James Francis
Lussier, Roxanne Jeanne
**Lyon, Sandra Marylou
Madden, Laura Doreen
Maillet, John Dosithe
*McCrea, Nancy Anne
Meaux, Thomas Francis
Merriam, Carol Ann
Minkley, Marie Margaret Lapointe
Moreau, Richard Allan
Nadeau, Cory John
**Neggers, Carla Amelia
*Nolan, Barbara Ellen
Normand, Jody Ann
Norris, Constance Dorothy
Nute, David Dobson
Nute, Mark Christopher
Palmer, Kathryn Mae
Peeso, Audrey Lou
Peetz, Cheryl Ann
Pepe, Joseph Earl
Phaneuf, Roger Kim
Phoenix, Howard Mark
Piekara, John Michael
**Pinkos, Jon Andrew
Pittsley, Steven Ralph
*Place, Diana Lynn
Plant, Hollis Anne
Plant, Steven Earl
Rhodes, William Douglas
Ritter, Russell Alan
Robinson, Walter Eugene
**Samson, Shirley Ann
*Slessler, Marla Lynne
**Smith, Anita Ellen
Squires, Linda Ann
Stilwell, Gerald Richard
**Terry, Debra Ann
Theroux, William Armand
*Tolzdorf, Lynn Marie
Trudell, Debra Jean
Tucker, Dena Vanessa
Vanasse, Darice Marie
Vosburgh, Jr., William Francis
*Wadsworth, Theresa Linda
Walker, Francis Chester
Walker, Richard Dennis
*Wegiel, Patricia Louise
Whitlock, Stephen Gerry
Zglobicki, Michael Walter

**National Honor Society
*Pro Merito

2. BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

To keep abreast of the changes that have taken place in the business world in the past few years, the Business Department has found it advantageous to develop parallel changes in the curriculum of the business classes and in the methods of instruction. The advanced business classes, Bookkeeping II, Secretarial Training and Office Procedures, and Stenography II, simulate as nearly as possible the atmosphere and pressures of the real office situation. This experience enables the student to move more easily to the next step in career education: the first job.

The objective of these courses is to develop new skills and abilities and to integrate and reinforce those previously learned. Learning activities are provided which will best equip students for meeting business and office requirements. The program then becomes one of individualized instruction allowing each student the time to strengthen any weaknesses he might have. An opportunity is given to the students to develop interpersonal relationships. Lack of certain positive personality traits creates obstacles to holding a position. Self-evaluation of current work places the responsibility for learning on the student. This system of progression makes him responsible for the productive use of his time.

To make the classroom learning more realistic, the Business Department has arranged several field trips to varied destinations and has utilized guest speakers in the classroom. Mrs. Jane Kubacki has visited the Eastern Hampden District Court and the Hampden Superior Court with the Business Law Class. Speakers, whose subjects are related to the field trips, have been Mr. Louis Fuller, who spoke on insurance; Neil McCann, Treasurer of Ludlow Savings Bank; Trooper David C. Beraudo, from the Massachusetts State Police; and Robert Carper, Probation Officer from Eastern Hampden District Court. The General Business Class visited Friendly's in Wilbraham. The Secretarial Training and Office Procedures Class, accompanied by Miss Madeline Fitzgerald, visited Northampton Junior College, Bay Path Junior College, IBM office, and Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company. Mrs. Shirley Carpenter of Mass. Mutual and Mrs. Bobbi Fitzsimmons of Briarwood, spoke to the class on career education.

3. ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

The English Department has enlarged this year to include a Resource Center. The Resource Center is presently available to all Teachers and students within the English Department. The Center offers photo and audio equipment including all materials to the Teacher and student to visually pursue any area of their individual curriculum. Basic costs for these materials are absorbed by the English Department.

The grammatical reorganization of grades seven through ten continues, however, the departmentalized testing program was dropped in favor of individualized class testing. The creative and comprehensive writing program for grades seven through twelve is continuing.

An individualized reading program was adopted for the eighth grade. This program allows youngsters to supplement core reading with selections from the school library. As a means of measurement, standardized testing such as the Iowa Reading Comprehension and S.R.A. Aptitude examinations to evaluate progress.

The success of the elective program for grades eleven and twelve has resulted in its continuation this year. The number of offerings have been increased for the original twelve to twenty-eight.

4. SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

This past year the Social Studies Department, in order to fulfill its goal of making the student aware of the obligations of and a commitment to his role as a citizen in a democratic society, undertook two new programs and continued several others that had recently been initiated.

In the field of new endeavors a course entitled Minorities in the United States was introduced. This course is designed to make the students aware of the various problems faced by many minority groups in this country and of the many contributions they have made to the development of our society. In addition, the seventh grade social studies program became part of an interdisciplinary humanities course.

In the area of the continuation of old programs, the successful Social Service course continued to involve twelfth grade students in various activities at the Belchertown State School. For the second year in a row the University of Massachusetts Marathon Committee has asked Mr. Arnold Hart of the Department to put on a two-hour program describing his Humanistic Seminar course offered as a Social Studies elective. As a result of last year's presentation, we have received inquiries from as far away as North Dakota and Florida. Finally, we have continued our successful program of bringing the social studies class outside the school building with a number of important field trips. Among these have been a tour of the United Nations and the Museum of Natural History in New York City, facilities at Monson State Hospital, Springfield Museum, Greenfield District court for the naturalization of citizens, and a search for pre-Columbial Irish monk huts in the Belchertown area.

5. SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The emphasis in all science classes continues to be geared toward individualized instruction.

Instead of relying upon canned programs and teacher lectures, more effort has been expended toward involving the individual, by himself and a part of a small group, in independent learning activities.

Teachers and students have become involved in writing and evaluating behavioral objectives in many classes.

Science students in Grade 7 visited the Worcester Science Museum and students in the high school attended the Science Humanities and Engineering Symposium at the University of Massachusetts.

The seventh grade program has undergone further changes and students are involved in exciting, individualized experiments.

Biology continues to be ecology oriented to help students develop awareness to the problems of the energy crisis and survival in a pollution contaminated world.

Practical Chemistry was offered for the first time in September, 1973 and meets the needs of students who want to know more about household and consumer chemistry.

Replacing a full year of Honors Biology, Research Biology was offered on a semester basis to Juniors and Seniors and provides individualized instruction within the classroom structure.

Field trips include visits to Quabbin for ecology studies; the Fish Hatchery and Swift River Wildlife area, and Skinner Park for geological studies.

A major effort is underway to develop guidelines for a life education curriculum. Topics for future development are being considered and it is hoped that modules can be developed for Grades 7 and 8 during a summer workshop.

Students are being involved in considering this curricular change and arriving at specific objectives as a more realistic means of attaining a meaningful evaluation of such a program.

6. MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

The junior high school mathematics classes have benefited by the change in each grade from four groups to five. The teachers have found that it is easier to make progress with the smaller groupings. The mathematics textbook series for seventh and eighth grade has been replaced by a different series. A programmed first year algebra course was offered for the first time. There are twenty-three students presently enrolled in the course.

Programmed courses are offered in introductory calculus, review mathematics, introductory computer programming, probability, and sequences and series.

A mathematics tutoring program was started in the second semester of the 1972-73 school year. Tutors were twelfth grade students who were taking review mathematics. The program will start again at the beginning of the second semester of the current year.

7. FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

1973 in the foreign language department marked another year for the direct study of the peoples, histories and cultures of foreign countries which proved invaluable for the students and teachers involved.

The focal point of the students of French was Paris where they went in April chaperoned by Miss Marianne Pagos and Mrs. Marie Pepin.

An innovative, synchronized audio-visual foreign language series was introduced to broaden the language learning experience for students in French.

The Spanish Department made its first trip to Spain under the direction of Mrs. Carol Mierzewski and Miss Wanda Mysona.

In accordance with the new Junior High humanities program, all seventh and eighth grade students are taking French and Spanish for a period of eight weeks each as an introduction to all aspects of foreign language study which they will meet in senior high school.

8. HOME ECONOMICS

During 1973, the Home Economics curriculum was modified to allow seventh and eighth grade boys an eight week elective with the girls in their class. Students spend approximately three weeks in foods. three in clothing and two in related areas of home economics. The replacement of five sewing machine heads with late model heads has made possible the construction of knit tee-shirts at the junior high level.

Junior and Senior students may now elect semester courses in child care, tailoring and foods. The latter is very popular and is being offered both semesters during the 1973-74 school year. Home Economics I and II remain full year courses.

A semester course in stitchery—including knitting, crochet, embroidery and needle point—is being considered for the fall of 1974.

9. INDUSTRIAL ARTS

This year has seen a change in both the Junior and Senior High programs of Industrial Arts. For the first time, girls have been included in both programs.

The Junior High program is leaning toward more varied and relevant types of laboratory experiences rather than a concentrated effort in one area.

Along with the regular courses of Industrial Arts, Shop Math, Mechanical Drawing and a new course of Technical Drawing have been added to the curriculum. By the end of the year Industrial Arts students will have experienced Shop Math, Mechanical Drawing and/or Technical Drawing along with a study of, and including lab experiences in Wood, Metal, Plastics, Silk Screening techniques and how these areas are related to Industrial processes.

Letters of appreciation from the Board of Selectmen and Dr. Jones of the Belchertown State School have been received for the street signs which are all made in the shop for the town by the Industrial Arts Department.

10. MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The music department in the Jr. Sr. High School continues to move forward in all levels of quality instruction and performance. Several musicians were selected for participation in the Western Mass. Band and Orchestra and the Springfield Youth Symphony Orchestra. Four students are currently pursuing professional music studies in various colleges and universities throughout the State. Two have won substantial scholarships to a leading University.

The Jr. Sr. High School Band led the parade for Fair Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and has performed as the major musical unit for several basketball tournaments and games in addition to assemblies and pep rallies.

This year was highlighted with the production of Photo-Musicale I, a multimedia presentation featuring concert band, photography, modern dance and narration. This was school-community endeavor which resulted in extensive tour for a cast of fifty students to Ontario, Boston, Mass. and Hartford, Conn. As a result of Photo-Musicale, the music department was awarded $3,500 of E.S.E.A. Title II federal funds for music, records, books. This was the largest grant per capita in the State and the second largest for all communities, regardless of size. Photo-Musicale was produced with the cooperation of the Belchertown Music Crusaders and constitutes a hall-mark in school-community relations.

For students who express a special interest in music and for those who desire to follow music as a vocation, Music I, Music II and Music III are offered courses. These subjects deal with harmony, theory, composition and music appreciation. Special courses in Orchestration, Arranging and Advanced Music Theory are also available on an approved independent level. The music department is again reaching a percentage of the student body that exceeds the national average for this size school. Programs and curriculum are designed to meet the musical needs of every student involved.

The Jr. Sr. High School Chorus, numbering 30 members, continues to make progress. A "Pops" concert was presented last Spring, certain select singers entertained at graduation and the Chorus shared a Christmas concert with the Band.

In summary, the music department is involved in music-making which leads to the recognition of music not as a mechanical process but as a live, pertinent, stimulating and highly satisfying art.

11. PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—Girls and Boys

The physical education department for grades 7-12 continued in its program to develop fitness and emotional and social stability. This was accomplished through participation in skills and the acquisition of knowledge and understanding in various activities. With the emphasis placed on developing beginning skills on the Jr. High level and more advanced skills on the high school level, a program was prepared to meet the individual and group needs of the students. The purchase of a balance beam made it possible to enchance the tumbling and gymnastics program and to increase the skill level of the students.

Because of the need for the physical education department to progress with present day trends, a new program is being developed for juniors and seniors called "Contract Learning." This concept utilizes the present trend of leisure time activities.

12. HEALTH

The Physical Education Department continued in it's third year of teaching Health Education to the 7th grade. The course content included the following topics:

1. Personality
2. Emotions
3. Reacting to the Problems of Living
4. Feeling Fit
5. The Human Body in Relation to Disease and in Relation to Sports
6. Alcohol, Tobacco, and the Use and Abuse of Drugs

13. JOURNALISM

Journalism has been offered this year as an independent study course in English which may be elected for one or both semesters. Emphasis is on the development of writing skills, with reading of specially selected books and articles providing background material and technical information. One student has been meeting the writing requirement with articles for the Belchertown Sentinel and a weekly sports column appearing in the Amherst Record. Another is editor of the high school paper.

14. REMEDIAL READING

The Remedial Reading course for qualifying Juniors and Seniors has continued. The number enrolled is as great as last year.

This course is for those students who are having problems in the content area. The subject teacher refers them for inclusion in the course together with materials and requisites for their course.

This year a major effort has been made to enlist the help of competent tutorial students who are orientated and supervised so that they are able to furnish valuable aid to those students in need of individual help.

15. HUMANITIES PROGRAM

The Humanities program in the 7th grade has come a long way in the 1973-74 period. During the winter of 1972-73 a great deal of curriculum development work was done. After it was definitely decided to implement the program during the 1973-74 year, much more development work was done in a two week session at the end of the school year.

The main objectives of the course have been to teach an integrated program of Social Studies, English, Art and Music in a humanistic way. There has been continuous feed back from the children in the program leading to some revisions in technique and emphasis. The basic objectives, however, remain the same and much progress has been made. Problem-solving and project type activities have met with success and a continuing emphasis is being made in the Humanities program.

16. AUDIO-VISUAL

Audio-Visual Department acquired a new opaque projector and a new slide projector with an automatic timed device for delayed slide presentation. The department is continuing its maintenance program as in the past.

17. LIBRARY

The library has had a new role during the first semester of the 1973-1974 school year: In addition to its customary services to all students and faculty, it received the 8th grade reading classes during 20 of the 28 class periods during the week. These students worked individually, learning to use the resources of the library for their study assignments.

A number of new books have been added to the collection this year. Notable among them are those provided by the funding of Photo-Musicale initiated through the Library Extension Service. Subject areas are those with which the production was chiefly concerned—music, photography, and the dance. Another acquisition which has added stature to the book collection is the compact edition of the Oxford English Dictionary. Several new specialized encyclopedias have also been acquired.

In this year of fast-breaking news the library has been fortunate in having student assistance in keeping the file of newspapers up-to-date. This work was carried on during the past summer and is being continued on a regular basis.

18. EXTRA CURRICULAR

a. Drama

During the school year the drama class presented a one-act play at Christmas. The senior play, entitled **Cheaper By the Dozen** was presented in April and was most successful.

b. Modern Dance

The modern Dance Club of Belchertown Junior-Senior High School presented their 7th Annual Dance Concert in 1973. Four members of the club were also chosen to perform in Belchertown's first production of "Photo-Musicale".

c. Humanities Club

The Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School Humanities Club has fulfilled numerous school and community goals during 1973.

January began with a raffle to enable the club to support community needs. This is a major concern of the clubs' members who progressively have formed a community Relief Program.

Throughout the winter bird feeders were made and filled for the high school area.

With Spring coming up, the group decided to purchase picnic tables for the school grounds. This lets the students enjoy the outdoors while having lunch. At the same time, plans were being made to start an Ecology Project. Along with a history class, they formed an Ecology week, providing the school with film and lecture presentations. They too, supplied the town with "Save Our Earth" ecology trash cans.

The Humanities Club distributed Gift Certificates at Easter time.

A float was made for the Belchertown Fair Day parade. This was the first time the group was represented in the parade.

"Project Share", the clubs annual Thanksgiving project to help out the cummunity was a success.

"Toys for Joy" were purchased to make a happier Christmas holiday for needy families of the town.

d. Photography Club

With membership, facilities, and services still expanding, the B.H.S. Photography Club looks forward to another successful year.

Students participating in the club's activities attend studio workshops, field trips, and regular club meetings each month. Photo Club members have the opportunity to display their work in school on the club's display boards, in town in the community showcase, and at the New England Camera Club Council's print competitions.

Another important addition to the club's activities is a basic course in photography. Jointly sponsored by the photo club and the adult education program, this course provides professional instruction at no cost to students or adults interested in photographing and developing prints and slides.

e. Student Council

Student Council ran a successful Fair Day parking to raise funds for various projects sponsored during the year. The Student Council awarded a scholarship at the June graduation. Council conducted its annual Christmas party for the children of the Belchertown State School. Fifty children were presented presents, entertained, and served refreshments.

f. The National Honor Society

The sixth annual induction of the Aristos Chapter of the National Honor Society was held on Wednesday, March 28, 1973. Thirteen students were elected to permanent membership of the N.H.S. The principal address was given by Dr. Van R. Halsey, Ph.D., Director of Admissions at Hampshire College.

Ronald Waite, a Senior was notified by the National Merit Scholarship Foundation that he qualified as a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. This allows him to compete for nationally awarded scholarships.

g. Athletics

A large number of students took advantage of the athletic programs offered at Belchertown Junior Senior High School in 1973.

The boys competed in full varsity and junior varsity schedules in soccer, basketball, and baseball in the Bi-County League. The Varsity Basketball team were co-champions of the league. The Basketball Team qualified to play in the State Tournament, in the small school division. An All-Star Volleyball team from the high school participated in the Quaboag Invitational Volleyball Tournament. Belchertown also competed in cross-country and track on an informal basis with both boys and girls taking part.

The girls competed in the Bi-County League in softball and basketball. The girls field hockey team, playing an independent schedule, won their share of games. Girls sports are now drawing a great number of enthusiastic participants. Kathy Lofland was named to the girls All-Star Basketball Team by the Bi-County League girls coaches.

The athletic season culminated with the Annual Athletic Awards Banquet, attended by approximately 250 people with over 100 awards being presented to the girls and boys who participated in sports. Named most valuable player in their respective sports at the banquet were Steven Pittsley in Soccer, Steven Whitlock in Baseball and William Rhodes in Basketball. In girls sports they were: Sheree Loftus in Field Hockey, Kathy Lofland in Basketball and Cathy Clark in Softball. The Athletic Council trophy was awarded to Thomas Meaux.

Student Athletes honored by the Bi-County League by being named to the Basketball All-Star Team were William Rhodes and Thomas Meaux. William Rhodes was also named to the All-Western Mass. Basketball Team.

h. Miscellaneous

Senior Privileges continued this year and were instituted for the Junior class on a trial basis with the following change, i.e., they were only given the privilege of dismissal should their last period be unassigned.

Miss Patricia Austin was chosen to represent Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School as the schools D.A.R. representative as well as winning the Betty Crocker Homemaker Award.

William Vosburgh and Steven Pittsley represented Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School as Student Government Day Delegates in Boston.

The Annual Senior Class trip to Washington, D.C. was made during the Spring vacation. This trip is primarily of an educational nature and as such included many places of historical significance.

The Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School Citizen of the Year was Debra Terry.

American Education week was observed this year on October 26, 1973 with an Open House format in which students and faculty were included. The theme this year was "Make Education Top Priority". It proved to be most successful and was enjoyed by parents, teachers and students.

The Student Advisory Committee composed of five students met throughout the year with the School Committee to express views on decisions affecting students in the high school. This year Miss Marlene Sroka was Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School representative to the State Regional Advisory Council at Springfield.

The School Committee voted to allow smoking for grades 9-12 in the high school during the noon lunch time on a trial basis. Also voted was a policy regarding early release from school for Seniors in order to work in a permanent or temporary full time job.

Field trip procedures were revised and more clearly defined as to their goals, objectives and safeguards. Also, revised was the policy on dances and other events of a special nature which involve students at Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School.

Finally a policy prohibiting alcoholic beverages on school property or at school functions was voted by the School Committee.

This year the faculty council was reorganized for the express purpose of reviewing basic school policies and programs with student representatives with a view toward the betterment of Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School.

BELCHERTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The elementary schools of Belchertown have directed their efforts in the following manner to meet the needs of all students:

During the year 1973 the educational process of the elementary schools of Belchertown underwent many major changes. The central change is an emphasis on individualization whereby the focus of the educational process is on the individual child rather than on groups of children of the same age or grade level.

The Belchertown Elementary School System has adopted a philosophy that is a commitment to the development of the whole child according to each one's needs and unique learning styles. The educational process will focus itself on full respect for human worth and dignity.

The goals of the Belchertown Public Schools are as follows:

a. To accord dignity to the learner by respecting him as a person, by individualizing instruction in a manner which allows him to learn according to a style that fits his needs, abilities, and personal fulfillment.

b. To expand and advance the humane dimensions of all learners by the cultivation of spiritual, moral, and ethical values and attitudes.

c. To develop in each learner the basic skills needed for communication, perception, evaluation, and conceptualization of ideas. Among the most important are reading, writing, speaking, listening, visual and computational skills.

d. To provide each learner with varied opportunities to nurture interests, to discover and to develop natural talents, and to express values and feelings through various media.

e. To foster individual commitment to exercise the rights and responsibilities of group membership and to respect the rights of others. To provide each learner with knowledge and experience which contributes to sensitivity and understanding of human similarities and differences.

f. To encourage personal responsibility for mental and physical well being through hygiene, exercise, nutrition, safety, and proper use of drugs.

g. To provide each learner with knowledge and understanding for intelligent use of his environment.

Reorganization of Schools

Individualization allows the elementary schools to adopt a more flexible method of grouping children. Instead of grouping children by age and expecting them to learn in one-year intervals, all at the same speed beginning each in September and finishing each June in unison, the new method will consider the learning from grade one through grade four as one large unit. Each child will proceed at his own rate in continuous progress (with retention) and may experience fast times and slow times without being penalized for not keeping up with a group or for getting ahead of a group.

In the new organization there will be some classes set up in the traditional manner. In addition, there will be many combination classes in which children of two different grade levels will be placed together. Taken into consideration would be his size, the extent to which he needs to be challenged, his social role, whether he is sensitive or aggressive, his achievement level and his attitude and motivational level.

Below is a list of advantages for the new organizational structure.

1. The new method fosters co-operative learning. Competition was built into the old grouping structure because everyone was the same age doing the same thing.
2. The new structure eliminates the fast-learning child or the slow-learning child from always being in the same position throughout his elementary years. Now the fast-learning child will at times be among the youngest in a class and the slow-learning child will have an opportunity to be the oldest in a class.
3. The old method was inefficient because some children were behind and some children were ahead of the pace set by the teacher.
4. The old method supported the teacher as a transmitter of knowledge. The word educate, however, literally means "to lead out." The new structure requires the teacher to be a facilitator of learning, helping children learn ways that are best for their individual style.
5. Younger children are stimulated by working with older children. They can observe and listen to the older children and tend to model themselves after them.
6. A group of wider age ranges more nearly resembles groups outside of school such as the family or the neighborhood play group. The old method of grouping was extremely artificial.
7. Research has shown the multi-age classes achieve faster and make better improvement in personal adjustment, self-reliance, sense of personal worth, feeling of belonging and social maturity.

Over seventy parent volunteers began working in the schools in 1973 tutoring and helping children in individualized math and in reading. This volunteer program has been extremely successful and much appreciated by the staff and children of the elementary schools.

The Transitional Room was again established to provide for those children who were not quite ready to enter a regular first grade in September. The class is given small group instruction to better meet their individual needs and to help them move into a first grade class as soon as they showed they were ready for it.

1. READING

The developmental reading program had two new features this year. The first was the adoption of a new basal reading program in grades one through three. This highly motivational material published by Holt, Rinehart and Winston Company, is an outstanding basal reading series and it is planned to extend its use up through the grades.

The second new feature is the Wisconsin Design for Reading Skills Development. This design has identified forty-five word attack skills necessary for fluency in reading. All students in grades 1-4 have been tested to determine their reading skills development. The Wisconsin Design will plan and monitor the growth of each individual student.

To further meet the needs of individual students, remedial reading classes are conducted. A total of thirty-five students meet with our remedial reading teacher, Mrs. Mildred White, for small group instruction. This part of our reading program is prescriptive teaching, providing a variety of techniques and materials combined with opportunities for review and repetition to overcome or prevent reading failures.

Title I Federal funding has been extended through the school year for the first time. In our school, the money is being used for a Tutorial Program. Professional tutors are available in each school daily, during the skill instruction period, 9-12. Individual students or groups up to three students are sent to these tutors daily for instruction in any basic skill, primarily in Reading and Math. This tutorial program has had a great impact toward our goal of providing maximum educational opportunities for all students.

The needs of children with diagnosed learning disabilities are being met through our remedial and tutorial programs and special programs in perceptual motor training. State funding covers most of the cost of these specialized educational needs.

2. SPEECH

Since its inception in September, 1973 the Speech Therapy Program has offered diagnostic and remedial services to children with communication disorders in grades K-6. This program is federally funded through ESEA Title VI money. The money provides for a qualified clinician to spend 20 hours each school week working with our students. Specialized materials and equipment needed for therapy are also paid for through federal funding. Miss Amy Moran who holds a masters degree both in speech pathology and audiology is serving 21 children in these areas of difficulty.

Future plans include parent counseling, screening of all elementary school children and extension of the program to reach all children in need of speech therapy.

3. MATHEMATICS

Math classes have been given new life on grades 1-4 with the I.M.S. (Individualized Mathematics System—Ginn, Inc.). I.M.S. is an individualized approach that covers nine levels or about nine grade levels of ability. Each level is divided into the same eleven basic units covering topics from numeration to geometry. Through the design of the program the child is thus working a greater portion of his/her time on specific problem areas thus making better use of his time in learning mathematics. Children have more positive attitudes and a greater feeling of accomplishment. Currently it is hoped I.M.S. will be expanded into grades 5 and 6 for the 1974-75 school year.

The remedial math program works with children with learning disaibilities. By using more manipulative materials and presenting concepts with physical models, many children having problems in math are able to learn material that often appeared too difficult before. Many children who normally might fall behind in learning skills are able to keep up with their classmates.

4. MUSIC

The elementary music program (K-6) has grown considerably over the past months due to innovations to the curriculum and new materials. Along with the non-graded structure came integration of vocal music as a subject into daily classroom activities. Upon teachers' requests, music lessons have been taught most often in correlation with social studies and language arts. Because of new scheduling for the specialists, music and art lessons combined have been successfully completed lending a humanistic approach to the understanding of the arts.

Basic music theory has taken on new dimension with the addition of an Orf-Kodaly approach through large classroom charts. Rhythms and simple melody are presented in an amusing and delightful way for all children. Multi-media kits containing records, songs, and film strips add much to the general music appreciation program for all levels and can be correlated with many social studies units.

The introduction of activity periods into the weekly schedule at the various schools has given students with special talents and interests an opportunity for enrichment. They may choose to participate in a rhythm band, a tonette group, or a 60 voice chorus.

With the advent of these innovations, elementary children are receiving a broader and more complete music education than in the past. Continued progress and future growth is inevitable.

5. PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The purpose of the Physical Education program in the Belchertown elementary schools is the physical and psychological growth of the child. The humanistic approach is implemented to supply building blocks for each child's self image, self importance and abilities. All activities are geared to apply to one's life. As a result, the program's focus is on lifetime activities.

Great emphasis is placed upon the child's respect of his body and individual differences through movement education, exercise routines and tumbling. The ability to get along with and work together with others is invaluable. Such sports as soccer, speed-a-way, softball, volleyball, basketball and floor hockey are played to show one must work together as a team to reach a goal. Other low organized games also help in this growth. The individual learns his own strength and limitations with such things as badminton, track and field events, bowling, ball handling skills and other various activities. Other peoples of the world are discussed in connection with folk and square dances.

Additions to the program include a trampoline, tinickling, parachute (with which many exciting things can be done), different gymnastic equipment and integration of activities with the academic subjects.

6. ART

Elementary students continue to be enthusiastically involved in a wide variety of art activities. This past year all students made Ecology posters, the best of which went off to the state Environmental office in Boston. In June the 5th grades had a field trip to the Quabbin to study design in nature. Students in the activity periods at Memorial School made candles in recycled bottles, which were sold at the outdoor art fair on the common. The group this fall made pendants which they sold during parent conference week. Profits from these sales allowed students to purchase new craft projects.

Art activity groups were started at Center and Cold Spring Schools this year. The Center School group worked on scenery for the play produced by their drama group. Cold Spring creative activities include sculpture, puppets, weaving, knitting and cardboard carpentry. This latter group is preparing a ring for the circus show to be performed in March.

A recycling program is being carried on in the art activities and many beautiful Christmas projects went home that were made from materials donated by parents.

One of the most exciting innovations this year has been the development of a number of lessons that combine music and art. For example: kindergarten children made rhythm instruments which they used in musical activities.

Plans for the future include more integration of specialized subject areas. The circus show in March will be the first opportunity for the public to see how art, music and physical education can work together for the good of the whole child. Plans are underway for a snow sculpture project this winter and a kite flying one in the spring, both of which combine physical education with art.

7. SCIENCE

An innovative science program, the Science Curriculum Improvement Study, (S.C.I.S.) began its third year of successful operation. This program is laboratory oriented and employs scientific inquiry.

8. GUIDANCE

The Elementary Guidance Counselor has worked in conjunction with parents, teachers, the Pupil Personnel Committee and the Learning Disabilities Department to help individual children be successful and adjusted in their learning environment. If, in the future, the guidance staff were to be increased, there is much work to be done in developmental guidance which emphasizes preventative guidance for the mainstream of children in the elementary schools.

The Pupil Personnel Services Committee was continued again in 1973 to help children having serious problems in learning. The committee is composed of the principal, Mr. Barrett; Supervisor of Reading and Perceptually Handicapped, Mrs. Avery; School Nurse, Mrs. Ayers; and the Guidance Counselor, Mr. Millett. This group meets weekly to discuss and make recommendations for pupils having problems in school such as those with: learning disabilities, physical handicaps, emotional instability, or limited intelligence.

9. PROJECT PREPARE

Project Prepare, the Title I funded summer program, again made use of Cold Spring School during the off-season, to provide kindergarten and First Grade children extra reinforcement in the beginning learning skills which are the foundation of the educational process. Project Prepare has received statewide recognition for its design and many other communities have replicated it. The small group and individual attention allowed many children to develop the readiness skills that they had not during the year. Project Prepare is scheduled to operate for the 1974 summer with minor modifications.

10. SPORTS

The intramural sports program was very successful during 1973. This program provides instruction and competition for all boys and girls in grades five and six who wish to participate. Included among the sports are basketball, softball, soccer, touch football and kickball.

11. TEACHER TRAINING

Belchertown teachers have demonstrated their interest in the future of their profession by continuing to train teachers from the University of Massachusetts and Westfield State College. Student inters did their student teaching at Cold Spring, Franklin, Center and Memorial Schools during the Spring and Fall of 1973.

Students from Belchertown High School contributed much time and effort by devoting many hours tutoring elementary pupils in reading and math on a weekly basis.

12. ASSEMBLIES

The school children of Belchertown presented several enjoyable and educational assembly programs during 1973. Grade six, the elementary chorus and the high school band observed Memorial Day with an excellent program held on the town common. An excellent Spring Music Concert featuring the elementary chorus and band was held in May. An excellent elementary Christmas Concert featuring the elementary band and chorus was held in December. The year 1973 was brought to a close with an excellent Christmas program by the Center School staff and pupils at Cold Spring School.

13. FIELD TRIPS

Educational field trips were continued during 1973 for all grades. Some of the trips taken were to the Worcester Science Museum by grade one, to Old Deerfield by grade two, and to the Springfield Science Museum and Granby Dinosaur Museum by grade three. The fourth grade visited the Worcester Science Museum. The fifth grade went on a nature hike and picnic to Quabbin Reservoir. The sixth grade went to the Science Museum in Boston.

The schools earnestly hope that an increasing number of parents will participate in school activities during the coming year. When the parents show an interest in the school activities it usually reflects in the children's desire to learn. This results in a happier and more meaningful school experience for parents, children and teachers.

Fortunately for our town the cost of education to the taxpayer has decreased over the past several years. The School share of the town tax rate has decreased from $31.25 per thousand in 1969 to $26.10 in 1973. In fact, the actual cost of the schools to the home owners of the town was $41,000.00 less in 1973 than it was in 1972.

Even though state reimbursements have increased, Massachusetts still does not pay a fair share of the costs of education compared to the sum contributed by other states. Because the Commonwealth ranks 48th of the 40 states in the amount of state aid contributed to education, the property taxpayer in Belchertown still shoulders an unfair burden. The School Department is well aware of this burden on the homeowner and will continue to spend each dollar wisely. The members of the School Committee have spent many hours during the past year insuring that the high standards they have set for the schools are met and have demanded maximum return on the Town's financial investment.

Respectfully submitted,
John B. Curry, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

School Financial Report

Budget from all sources—January, 1973 through June, 1974	$1,838,264.90
Less Public Law 874	15,743.00
Less Public Law 864	1,355.09
Less Rebate	81.90
Total to be raised by Appropriation	$1,821,084.91
Total Expended all sources	$1,149,479.00
Total Expended from Appropriations	1,111,786.06
1973 bills encumbered	20,513.23
Total Expended from Appropriations—Jan. 1973 to Dec. 31, 1973	$1,132,299.26
Total Unexpended (To be expended Jan. 1, 1974 to June 30, 1974)	688,785.65

REIMBURSEMENTS:

A. Chapter 70 (School Aid)	$424,165.95	
B. Chapter 71 (Transportation)	103,298.14	
C. Chapter 69 (Special Ed.)	32,624.00	
D. Chapter 74 (Vocational Ed.)	15,661.61	
TOTAL		$575,749.70

ACTUAL COST TO TOWN FOR SCHOOLS

1973	$556,549.56
1972	597,585.08
1971	597,274.75
1970	575,590.01
1969	576,168.19

FUNDS RECEIVED FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS:

A. Title I	$14,978.00	
B. Title II	5,524.42	
C. Title III	1,355.09	
D. Title VI	8,175.00	
TOTAL		$30,032.51

Report of School Nurse

In 1973 all pupils' health records were evaluated and preliminary physicals were performed by our school physician, Kenneth Collard, M.D., to all students in kindergarten, fourth, seventh and eleventh grades. In addition, physicals were given to all students and cheerleaders participating in inter-scholastic activities. Positive findings and recommendations for further diagnosis and treatment were sent to parents.

Vision screening is performed yearly on all pupils to detect any handicap in students learning ability. Referrals are sent to parents of students who would benefit from a professional opthalmic examination.

Hearing exams also are performed yearly on all students with referrals being sent to parents when necessary.

Several immunization clinics were held throughout the year in conjunction with Mrs. Charlotte Ketchen, RN, member of the Board of Health. A measle vaccine clinic was held in February with only seventy-three children requiring the immunization. In October our School Physician immunized school personnel against the three most prevalent types of flu virus. Our last clinic of the year was DPT Booster clinic in November.

Much emphasis is being placed on health education, both physical and emotional, with the major goal to arouse an appreciation of the importance of good health for today and the tomorrows to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Ayers, RN
School Nurse

Proposed Budget July 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975

	18 Months Budget Jan. 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974	**12 Months Budget** Jan. 1, 1973 to Dec. 31, 1973	**12 Months Budget** July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975
Administration	$52,648.00	$35,283.00	$37,190.00
Out of State	400.00	200.00	200.00
Instruction	1,196,363.00	798,634.00	1,081,277.00
Out of State	400.00	200.00	700.00
Other School Services	250,680.00	151,387.00	164,966.00
Operation and Maintenance	238,938.00	158,468.00	269,872.00
Fixed Assets	0.00	0.00	18,710.00
Programs with Other Schools	72,754.00	44,789.00	53,180.00
Total	$1,812,183.00	$1,188,961.00	$1,626,095.00
Plus Appropriation 7/31/73 (From Free Cash)	$18,362.91		
Plus P. L. 874 7/31/73	6,282.00		
Plus P. L. 864 7/31/73	1,355.09		
Plus Rebate	81.90		
Total All Sources	$1,838,264.90		

Pathfinder Regional School Committee

TO; The Honorable Board of Selectmen
FROM: David Staples, Pathfinder School Committee Member
DATE: January 18, 1974
RE: Annual Report—1973

SEPTEMBER 17, 1973—PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL OPENS FOR THE FIRST TIME.

This opening statement represents the fruition of nine years of hard work by a great many people—conscientious citizens involved from the early planning stages, a dedicated school committee, interested town officials, unselfish advisory committee members, and many other concerned citizens.

Prior to the opening of school in September, the year had been a busy one. Throughout the spring the "Pathfinder Picture" was presented to potential students and parents in the four member towns. Application blanks were made available and soon our initial enrollment was under way.

Raymond Avery was appointed Director of Guidance to review the applications, determine student scheduling and notify students of their acceptance. Mrs. Harriot Henrichon of Belchertown was appointed bookkeeper the first of June and Earl Clark of Palmer was appointed head custodian commencing the first of July.

All of the movable equipment, hand tools, books and supplies were put out to bid and ordered for late summer delivery. Progress on the building continued without any major delays. Prospective teachers were interviewed and references evaluated. The teaching staff was selected in July to begin their assignment on September 4.

Pathfinder's Superintendent-Director, Paul Ahern, submitted his resignation last June and the Committee selected Raymond Avery as the man to open the school in the capacity of Acting Superintendent-Director. John Avery replaced Raymond Avery as Director of Guidance and Phyllis Olearczyk of Three Rivers was appointed guidance secretary. The school nurse, cafeteria manager and other supportive staff so essential to the running of the school were appointed in August.

With a full staff—teaching, office, custodial, kitchen, etc. on board, everyone worked to ready the school for the arrival of some 322 students (161 from Palmer, 78 from Monson, 74 from Belchertown and 9 from New Braintree) in grades 9, 10 and 11 and post graduates. On September 17 the students arrived and, with a minimal amount of confusion, school was officially in session.

Some work remained to be done in the building, but everyone cooperated to assure the least amount of confusion. Some tasks were assigned to students and faculty for assistance. The Agribusiness students have been completing the landscaping of the school grounds. The carpentry students have made step ladders and bookcases for use within the school and the clothing department is in the process of providing draperies for the office areas.

Organizations formed within the student body and class activities held to date include a car wash and bake sale, afternoon movies etc. The Healthfinders, a group of girls enrolled in the Health Service Assistant program held a Christmas party for the elderly which was enjoyed by young and old alike.

The kitchen staff, headed by Normand Charette, and the culinary arts students under the direction of Albert Pare, their instructor, have kept the entire school well fed. Highlights to date include a turkey banquet served at Thanksgiving time and a smorgasbord prepared for the Christmas season.

Pathfinder organized a soccer team on the junior varsity level who went through the season with only one loss. Our junior varsity basketball team seems to be holding its own in the league.

Skills learned by students in the automotive and cosmetology departments are being put to the test by the general public who avail themselves of these services offered at a nominal charge.

Evening classes in creative stitchery, slip covers, dressmaking, hair care, oil burner repair, horticulture, automotive repair, carpentry, culinary arts, drafting, electricity, machine shop, small engine repair, and technical business training will be held beginning in January, 1974.

A formal dedication of the building is planned for the spring.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond E. Avery
Acting Sup't-Director
David Staples
School Committee Member

Town Election March 5, 1973

Office	Name	Prec. A	Prec. B	Totals
Moderator, 1 year				
	*Charles W. Jackson	751	126	877
	Blanks	151	34	185
		902	160	1062
Town Clerk, 1 year				
	*Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	796	135	931
	Blanks	106	25	131
		902	160	1062
Selectman, 3 years				
	*Arthur J. Moriarty	398	108	506
	*William H. Squires, Jr.	443	31	474
	Francis P. Loftus, Sr.	130	30	160
	Eleanor L. Schmidt	233	28	261
	George B. Jackson	372	25	397
	Richard E. Lambert	80	15	95
	Blanks	148	83	231
		1804	320	2124
Treasurer, 3 years				
	*Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	794	137	931
	Blanks	108	23	131
		902	160	1062
School Committee, 3 years				
	*Harold E. Mellin, Jr.	673	100	773
	*William M. Russell	655	112	767
	Blanks	476	108	584
		1804	320	2124
Planning Board, 5 years				
	*John J. Sullivan, III	704	121	825
	Blanks	198	39	237
		902	160	1062
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years				
	*Paul C. Cook	763	132	895
	Blanks	139	28	167
		902	160	1062
Assessor, 3 years				
	*Walter L. Papp	784	131	915
	Blanks	118	29	147
		902	160	1062
Sewer Commissioner, 3 years				
	*Harry L. Brougham	744	125	869
	Blanks	158	35	193
		902	160	1062
Tree Warden, 1 year				
	*Albert W. Brown	776	136	912
	Blanks	126	24	150
		902	160	1062
Board of Health, 3 years				
	John P. Bay	313	54	367
	*Paul F. Downing	528	87	615
	Blanks	61	19	80
		902	160	1062
Housing Authority, 5 years				
	*Louis J. Austin	764	143	907
	Blanks	138	17	155
		902	160	1062
Housing Authority, 2 years				
	*Edmund F. Wallace	743	126	869
	Blanks	159	34	193
		902	160	1062
Votes cast on March 5, 1973		902	160	1062
Registered voters at Belchertown				
	Republican	526	52	578
	Democrat	571	123	694
	Independent	1099	183	1282
		2196	358	2554

*Denotes Elected

A True Copy,
Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
held March 12, 1973

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Registered voters present—197. (Quorum required—25)
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.
Invocation given by Rev. George R. Bach.

Presentation of Special Award to Mrs. Alice Samborski in recognition of her thoughtfulness and services to Belchertown Vietnam servicemen.

Outstanding Citizen Award presented to Leslie A. Campbell by William Gerry Whitlock, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and accepted for Mr. Campbell by Leland V. Corneille.

Mr. Walter L. Papp of the Board of Assessors requested and received permission to address the assembled voters relative to the possible tax impact of the warrant if all of the articles were acted upon favorably. He predicted a possible $4-$5. increase.

Art. I. Nominated and elected Mrs. Janet L. Wood and Mrs. Virginia M. Hislop as Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Kenneth H. Snow as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

(Following the vote, Chairman Whitlock expressed appreciation for the services of Mrs. Ruth P. Fuller and Mrs. Sophia M. Pero, and Mr. D. Donald Hazen for their many years of service in the aforementioned positions.)

Art. II. Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town, including the report of the Citizens Advisory Committee as read by Stephen S. Lanphear, Chairman, with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. III. Voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. IV. Voted to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not to exceed the following: Assessors at $2.75; Cemetery Commissioners at $2.00; Sewer Commissioners at $2.90; and the Tree Warden at $2.75 per hour.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. V. Voted to appropriate from Public Law 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing), Entitlement Period 1, 1-1-72 to 6-30-72, the sum of $7,000.00 to a Fire Department Federal Revenue Sharing Account for repairing of the Fire Station.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

Art. VI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $32,998.00, and to meet said appropriation the sum of $4,190.00 is to be raised by taxation and the balance thereof to wit; $28,808.00 is to be appropriated from free cash in the treasury for Chapter 81 Highways.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. VII. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $38,000.00, and to meet said appropriation the sum of $9,500.00 is to be raised by taxation and the balance thereof to wit; $28,500.00 is to be appropriated from free cash in the treasury for Chapter 90 Highways Construction.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

(To clarify the voting on this article, the Moderator called for a standing vote.)

Art. VIII. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $27,000.00, and to meet said appropriation the sum of $9,000.00 is to be raised by taxation and the balance thereof to wit; $18,000.00 is to be appropriated from free cash in the treasury for Chapter 90 Highways Maintenance.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

Art. IX. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000.00 for the improvement of the following streets, all public ways:

North Street
Summit Street
Wilson Street
Federal Street
Ludlow Street
Michael Sears Road
Howard Street
Bardwell Street

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. X. Voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

Art. XI. Voted—Majority No.

Art. XII. Voted to appropriate from Public Law 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing), Entitlement Period 1, 1-1-72 to 6-30-72, the sum of $3,300.00 to purchase and equip a new Police Cruiser.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XIII. Voted to appropriate from Public Law 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing), Entitlement Period 1, 1-1-72 to 6-30-72, the sum of $2,146.00 to purchase a new Police Radio and Radio Equipment.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

Art. XIV. Voted to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of the revenue for the eighteen month period beginning January 1, 1973, in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and acts in amendment thereof, and including in addition thereto, Chapter 849 of the Acts of 1969, as amended, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

Art. XV. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $450.00 to the Conservation Fund for the use of the Conservation Commission.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XVI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $135,063.82 to pay the Town's apportioned share of the operating and maintenance budget of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

Art. XVII. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $56,136.01 to pay the Town's apportioned share of the capital budget of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XVIII. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1972:

George H. Foster	$144.00
Massachusetts Electric Company	43.15
Wallace Hardware Company	4.12
Cheney Locksmith	6.50
Bondsville Fire & Water District	400.00
William F. Hallisey, M.D. Inc.	250.00
Wesson Women's Hospital	332.55
Springfield Anesthesia Service, Inc.	32.00
Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.	92.50
Community Health Center	125.00
Providence Anesthesia Associates, Inc.	17.60
Belchertown Pharmacy	125.40
Leandre W. Giguere, M.D. Inc.	15.00

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XIX. Voted—Majority No.

Art. XX. Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, money for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for these purposes as specifically designated under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XX. (a) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $135,761.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XX. (b) Voted to raise and apprropriate the sum of $117,793.00 for Protection of Persons and Property, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XX. (c) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $66,886.00 for Health and Sanitation, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Commitee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

(Vote on motion to amend this article by reducing the amount under item 28, Sewer Expenses, by $2,000.00 failed to carry.)

Art. XX (d) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $185,718.00 for Highways and Sidewalks, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XX. (e) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $42,568.00 for the Veterans' Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XX. (f) Voted to appropriate the sum of $1,812,183.00 to defray the following itemized expenses of the School Department:

Administration	$52,648.00
Administration—Out-of-State-Travel	400.00
Instruction	1,196,363.00
Instruction—Out-of-State-Travel	400.00
Other School Services	250,680.00
Operation and Maintenance	238,938.00
Programs with Other Schools	72,754.00

and to meet said appropriation the sum of $9,461.00 is to be appropriated from unexpended funds in the Public Law Account #874 and the balance thereof to wit; $1,802,722.00 is to be raised by taxation.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

Art. XX. (g) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,383.00 for the Clapp Memorial Library, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XX. (h) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $9,776.00 for Parks, Beach and Recreation, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XX. (i) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,510.00 for Cemeteries, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

Art. XX. (j) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100,862.00 for Pensions and Insurance, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XX. (k) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $32,355.00 for Unclassified Items, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XX. (l) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $83, 883.00 for Maturing Debt and Interest, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXI. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law in the following prescribed manner:

(1) Under Section V entitled "Intensity Regulations", and following the sub-heading "Frontage in Feet", add the footnote, "(f)".

(2) Also under sub-section V A, and following the explanation for footnote (e), insert the following: (f) In the case of a corner lot, the minimum frontage requirement shall apply to all property lines abutting a legal right-of-way, and where, on said corner lot, a rounding to provide a curb radius is required, the property lines, abutting said right-of-way, shall be extended, for the purposes of measurement only, until the lines intersect. Frontage dimension measurement shall be made from the point of intersection of the two extended property lines to the point where said property line no longer abuts the legal right-of-way. Extension of said property lines is for administrative purposes only and does not constitute a rescinding of the curb radius requirement as established in Section IV Alh of the Belchertown Subdivision Regulations.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $60,000.00 for the use of the Assessors, to reduce the tax rate.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXIII. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,500.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXIV. Voted to appropriate from Public Law 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing), Entitlement Period 1, 1-1-72 to 6-30-72, the following sums of money for capital expenditures:

Election and Registration—File Cabinet	$150.00
Assessors—Typewriter	300.00
Town Accountant—Calculator	520.00
Town Treasurer—Typewriter	600.00
Town Clerk—File Cabinet	150.00
Tax and Town Collector—Calculator	520.00
Planning Board—Used File Cabinet	75.00
Fire Department—Hose, boots, helmets, and misc.	800.00
Tree Warden—Trees	600.00
Parks, Beach and Recreation—2 sections, dock extension	650.00
Cemetery Account—Trees and Shrubs	600.00
Unclassified Account—3M Copy Machine	1,400.00
Selectmen—File Cabinet	200.00
	6,565.00

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXV. Voted to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $40,000.00 to purchase and equip a new Fire Truck.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXVI. Voted to amend the Town By-Laws by rescinding Article VIII, Section 8, Clause a (sometimes referred to as Article VIII, Section 8), and substitute the following:

All regular full-time employees of the Town, other than elected officials and those appointed by the School Committee, having been regularly employed by the Town for a period of one (1) year shall receive five (5) working days vacation without loss of pay; persons who have been regularly employed by the Town for a period of two (2) through nine (9) years shall receive ten (10) working days vacation without loss of pay; persons who have been regularly employed by the Town for a period of ten (10) through fifteen (15) years shall receive fifteen (15) working days vacation without loss of pay; persons who have been regularly employed by the Town for sixteen (16) years or more shall receive twenty (20) working days vacation without loss of pay; and all regular full-time employees of the Town, other than elected officials and those appointed by the School Committee who have been regularly employed by the Town for not less than thirty (30) days shall not suffer loss of pay for failure to work upon the secular days during which the following holidays are celebrated:

Christmas
Thanksgiving
Labor Day
Veterans' Day
Washington's Birthday
New Year's Day
Memorial Day
Columbus Day
Independence Day
Patriots Day

Vacation time accumulated in one fiscal year must be used before the end of the following fiscal year.

Vacation time is credited upon the anniversary date of employment, and the words "regularly employed" shall be construed as meaning consecutive years of employment by the Town.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

(The original motion on this article was amended to include—"and the words "regularly employed" shall be construed as meaning consecutive years of employment by the Town".)

(Vote—Majority Yes)

Art. XXVII. Voted to amend the Town By-Laws by rescinding Article VIII, Section 8, Clause b, and substitute the following:

All regular full-time employees of the Town, other than elected officials and those appointed by the School Committee, shall be allotted sick leave with pay at the rate of one (1) day per calendar month of full employment during the first year of employment and thereafter, in any event, however, such "sick leave with pay" cannot be accumulated to more than sixty (60) days.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXVIII. Voted to reconfirm the action taken at the Special Town Meeting of October 16, 1972, Article II, that authorized the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not to exceed $17,400.00 to cover the cost of the installation of warning lights and road reconstruction in connection therewith at the railroad crossing located on Jackson Street, and to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,740.00 which is 10% of the total, to allow for said borrowing.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXIX. Voted to reconfirm the action taken at the Special Town Meeting of October 16, 1972, Article III, that authorized the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not to exceed $12,600.00 to cover the cost of the installation of warning lights and road reconstruction in connection therewith at the railroad crossing located on Hamilton Street, and to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,260.00, which is 10% of the total, to allow for said borrowing.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXX. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not to exceed $16,000.00 to cover the cost of the installation of warning lights and road reconstruction in connection therewith at the railroad crossing located on Bardwell Street, and to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,600.00, which is 10% of the total, to allow for said borrowing.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXXI. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum of money not to exceed $40,000.00 to cover the cost of the installation of warning lights and road reconstruction in connection therewith at the railroad underpass located on Three Rivers Road, and to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000.00, which is 10% of the total, to allow for said borrowing.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXXII. Voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXXIII. Voted to accept the following as public ways:

As to the extent described on a plan of land entitled Rolling Acres Inc., Subdivision, Phase 1A, plan dated December 17, 1970, which was approved by the Planning Board on December 22, 1970, recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book Number 77, page 20 and Plan Book Number 81, page 47. A copy of said subdivision is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, said streets to be known as Clearbrook Drive and Pinebrook Drive.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

Art. XXXIV. Voted to accept the following as a public way:

As to the extent described on a plan of land entitled Rege Construction Company, Inc., plan dated January 25, 1971, which was approved by the Planning Board on April 7, 1971, recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book Number 79, Page 5. A copy of said subdivision is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, said street is to be known as Metacomet Circle.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXXV. Voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Chairman Whitlock announced the reappointment of David G. Hodgen for a three year term, and reconfirmed the appointment of Bernard F. Wilkes, Jr., whose term is to expire in 1974, as members of the Finance Committee.

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 11:30 p.m.

Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

APPROPRIATIONS VOTED BY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

held March 12, 1973

Article Number	Budget or Dept.	Raised	Available	Free Cash	Fed. Revenue Sharing—#1
1.	None				
2.	None				
3.	None				
4.	None				
5.	Fire Department				7,000.00
6.	Chap. 81 Highways	4,190.00		28,808.00	
7.	Chap. 90 Highways Constr.	9,500.00		28,500.00	
8.	Chap. 90 Highways Maint.	9,000.00		18,000.00	
9.	Streets, sundry, improvement (8)	15,000.00			
10.	None				
11.	None				
12.	Police-Cruiser				3,300.00
13.	Police-Radio & Radio Equipment				2,146.00
14.	None. Authorization to borrow				
15.	Conservation Fund	450.00			
16.	Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District—Operating & Maintenance Budget	135,063.82			
17.	Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District—Capital Budget	56,136.01			
18.	Unpaid bills of 1972 (13 items)	1,587.82			
19.	None				
20.	Itemized Budgets				
	(a) General Government				
	1. Moderator, expenses	38.00			
	2. Finance Committee, expenses	300.00			
	3. Selectmen, salaries				
	(Chmn 1600.00, 4 @ 1280.00)	6,720.00			
	Wages	600.00			
	Expenses	4,550.00			
	4. Zoning By-Law Agent, salary	600.00			
	Expenses	375.00			
	5. Accountant & Administrative Secretary, salary	10,100.00			
	Wages	6,514.00			
	Expenses	1,775.00			
	6. Treasurer, salary	5,125.00			
	Wages	8,000.00			
	Expenses	2,245.00			
	7. Clerk, salary	2,560.00			
	Wages	3,500.00			
	Expenses	1,675.00			
	8. Collector, salary	5,445.00			
	Wages	8,500.00			
	Expenses	3,340.00			

Article Number	Budget or Dept.	Raised	Available	Free Cash	Federal Revenue Sharing—#1
9.	Assessors,* salaries	2,575.00			
	*(Chmn 975.00, 2 @ 800.00)				
	Wages	21,125.00			
	Expenses	4,000.00			
10.	Law expenses	6,875.00			
11.	Election & Registration	7,290.00			
12.	Planning Board, expenses	4,974.00			
	Wages	7,500.00			
13.	Municipal Buildings				
	Lawrence Memorial Hall	4,060.00			
	Lawrence Mem. Hall—Renovations to Front Office	1,200.00			
	Town Garage	4,200.00			
(b)	Protection of Persons & Property				
15.	Police, wages	58,616.00			
	Expenses	15,000.00			
	Chief, salary	14,657.00			
16.	Fire Department, wages	3,000.00			
	Expenses	7,110.00			
	Chief salary	900.00			
18.	Hydrant Service	6,000.00			
19.	Sealer of Weights & Measures	620.00			
20.	Inspector of Wiring, salary	600.00			
	Expenses	150.00			
21.	Conservation Commission	340.00			
22.	Civil Defense, salary	525.00			
	Expenses	500.00			
23.	Water Storage Holes (Fire)	300.00			
24.	Tree Services:				
	Tree Warden, wages	2,400.00			
	Tree Warden, expenses	1,200.00			
	Insect Pest Control				
	Wages	75.00			
	Expenses	1,650.00			
	Dutch Elm Disease—wages	1,988.00			
	Expenses	1,312.00			
25.	Board of Appeals	225.00			
26.	Dog Officer Expenses	625.00			
(c)	Health & Sanitation				
27.	Board of Health, salaries				
	(Chmn, 245.00; 2 @ 160.00)	565.00			
	Wages	4,059.00			
	Expenses	4,867.00			
28.	Sewers, salaries				
	(Chmn, 375.00; 2 @ 300.00)	975.00			
	Expenses	32,000.00			
29.	Town Dump	24,420.00			
(d)	Highways & Sidewalks				
30.	Highways—General	55,675.00			
30A.	Highway Supt.—salary	15,650.00			
30B.	Road Machinery Expenses	18,000.00			
30C.	Sick Leave	3,760.00			

Article Number	Budget or Dept.	Raised	Available	Free Cash	Fed. Revenue Sharing—#1
30D.	Vacation	3,133.00			
31.	Bridges	2,000.00			
32.	Snow Removal	65,000.00			
33.	Sidewalks—Maintenance	5,500.00			
34.	Street Lights	17,000.00			
(e)	Veterans' Department				
35.	Veterans Dept., salary	1,518.00			
	Benefits	40,000.00			
	Expenses	1,050.00			
(f)	School Department				
36.	Schools:				
	Administration	52,648.00			
	Adm.—Out-of-State Travel	400.00			
	Instruction	1,186,902.00	9,461.00	(P.L. 874)	
	Inst.—Out-of-State Travel	400.00			
	Other School Services	250,680.00			
	Operation & Maintenance	238,938.00			
	Fixed Assets				
	Programs with Other Schools	72,754.00			
(g)	Clapp Memorial Library				
37.	Clapp Memorial Library,				
	Wages	8,580.00			
	Expenses	1,803.00			
(h)	Parks & Recreation				
38.	Parks, Summer Recreation & and Beach, wages	7,108.00			
	Expenses	2,668.00			
(i)	Cemeteries				
39.	Cemeteries, salaries (3 @ $300.00)	900.00			
	Wages	1,800.00			
	General Care Expense	9,510.00			
	Veterans Graves Expense	300.00			
(j)	Insurance & Pensions				
40.	Pensions, Town Employees	28,710.00			
41.	Insurance, General	42,809.00			
	Health (Town share)	27,793.00			
	Life (Town share)	1,550.00			
(k)	Unclassified Items				
42.	Unclassified Items:				
	Patriotic Exercises	400.00			
	Town Clock	300.00			
	Town Report	5,000.00			
	Reserve Fund	20,000.00			
	Miscellaneous	1,995.00			
	Rental of American Legion	450.00			
	Town Common	2,070.00			
	Old Town Hall	2,140.00			
(l)	Maturing Debt & Interest				
43.	Maturing Debt & Interest				
	1949 Sewer Loans, Principal	1,000.00			
	1952 School Loans, Principal	Paid Up			
	1963 School Loans, Principal	45,000.00			

Article Number	Budget or Dept.	Raised	Available	Free Cash	Fed. Revenue Sharing—#1
	1949 Sewer Loans, Interest	63.00			
	1952 School Loans, Interest	Paid Up			
	1963 School Loans, Interest	22,320.00			
	Temporary Notes—Interest	15 500.00			
21.	None				
22.	To reduce the tax rate, assessors			60,000.00	
23.	Legal counsel—court tax cases, assessors	2,500.00			
24.	Capital Expenditures:				
	Elec. & Registration—File Cabinet				150.00
	Assessors—Typewriter				300.00
	T. Accountant—Calculator				520.00
	T. Treasurer—Typewriter				600.00
	T. Clerk—File Cabinet				150.00
	Tax & Town Collector—Calculator				520.00
	Planning Board—Used File Cabinet				75.00
	Fire Dept.—Hose, boots, helmets & misc.				800.00
	Tree Warden—Trees				600.00
	Prks, Bch, & Recreation—2 sec.—dock ex-tension				650.00
	Cemetery Acct.—Trees & Shrubs				600.00
	Unclassified Acct.—3M Copy Machine				1,400.00
	Selectmen—File Cabinet				200.00
25.	Fire Truck (Stabilization)				40,000.00
26.	None				
27.	None				
28.	Lights & road reconstruction—Railroad crossing—Jackson St.	1,740.00			
29.	Lights & road reconstruction—Railroad crossing—Hamilton St.	1,260.00			
30.	Lights & road reconstruction—Railroad crossing—Bardwell St.	1,600.00			
31.	Lights & road reconstruction—Railroad underpass—Three Rivers Rd.	4,000.00			
32.	None				
33.	None				
34.	None				
35.	None				
Totals		$2,843,244.65	9,461.00	135,308.00	19,011.00- 40,000.00 (Stabilization Fund)

Raised and Appropriated	-$2,843,244.65
Available (P.L. 874)	-9,461.00
Free Cash	-135,308.00
Federal Revenue Sharing #1 Entitlement Period	-19,011.00
Stabilization	40,000.00
Grand Totals	-$3,047,024.65

Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
held May 21, 1973

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Registered voters present—85 (Quorum required—25)
Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.

ARTICLE I. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the treasury the sum of $11,700.00 for the erection of Traffic Controls at Center and Memorial Schools, Franklin School and Cold Spring School.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II. Voted to appropriate from the State Aid to Libraries Account to the Clapp Memorial Library Expense Account, the following sum of money which has been received by the Town from the Commonwealth for library purposes, the sum of $2,226.00.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III. Voted to change land on North Liberty Street from Agricultural Zone to Business Zone on the petition of Franklin D. Wenzel (Western Massachusetts Electric Company, optionee)—Beginning at a concrete bound in the easterly sideline of North Liberty Street, said bound marking the line between land of the grantor herein, Franklin D. Wenzel and the land of Joseph Topor; thence N 4° 30' 15'' E a distance of 144.52 feet to an iron pipe; thence N 8° 39'21'' E a distance of 294.02 feet to an iron pipe; thence N 12° 16' 19'' E a distance of 200.56 feet to an iron pipe; thence N 6° 46' 10'' E a distance of 129.29 feet to a point; thence N 3° 48' 10'' E a distance of 158.90 feet to a point; thence N 3° 39' 20'' E a distance of 106.97 feet to a concretebound, the last six courses being along said North Liberty Street; thence S 88° 29' 30'' E along other land of the grantor herein a distance of 107.70 feet to a concrete bound; thence S 3° 33' 00'' W along land of the Canadian National Railroad a distance of 1014.33 feet to a concrete bound; thence S 87° 00' 00'' W along land of said Topor a distance of 175.93 feet to the point of beginning and containing 3.199 acres. The parcel described above is a portion of land conveyed to Franklin D. Wenzel by deed recorded in Book 1188 at Page 405, Hampshire County Registry of Deeds. (Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IV. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing, Entitlement Period 1) the sum of $5,700.00 for an Engineering survey to be conducted at the Town Sanitary Landfill area.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE V. Voted to take no action on this Article.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VI. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing, Entitlement Period 1) the sum of $3,400.00 for Ambulance Training. No payments shall be made under this authorization without certification by the Chief of Police of Belchertown, that the officer has met the requirements of the course and has been granted an official certificate of completion.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE VII. Voted to take no action on this Article.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VIII. Voted to establish, under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8d, an historical commission of the Town of Belchertown for the purposes and with the rights and duties provided by law, to be composed of five members, appointed by the Selectmen for terms of three years, except that initial appointment shall be one member for one year, two members for two years, and two members for three years.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IX. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1972:

Drs. Fisher, Hough & Lynn	$199.62
Wesson Women's Hospital	$208.66

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE X. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell a 1956 S/60 International Truck, either with or without sander.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:05 P.M.

A True Copy, Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
held July 30, 1973

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Registered voters present—160 (Quorum required—25)
Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.

ARTICLE I. Voted to establish a Council for the Aging as provided for under Chapter 40, Section 8 B and further regulated by Chapter 40, Section 5, Paragraph 49.

(In connection with the vote on this Article, in the original motion the words "under Chap. 40, Section 8 B and further regulated" were omitted. Following action on Article II the error was discovered and the corrected motion was reconsidered. A vote was taken on the corrected motion with the vote unanimous.)

Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II. Voted to appropriate the sum of $26,000.00 to the School Department Instructional Account to pay the cost of teachers' salary increases as negotiated under Chapter 149, Section G,H,I,J,,K,L,M, and N of the General Laws, and to meet said appropriation the sum of $1,355.09 is to be appropriated from Public Law #864, $6,282.00 is to be appropriated from Public Law #874, and the balance thereof to wit; $18,362.91 is to be appropriated from free cash in the treasury.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III. Voted to accept from the Department of Mental Health of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, upon approval by the Attorney General and after the expiration of any necessary waiting period, three (3) certain parcels of land located in Belchertown, as hereinafter described, pursuant to the recent passage by the General Court of said Commonwealth of Chapter 400 of the Acts of 1973. Said parcels of land being bounded and described as follows:

Parcel Number One—Beginning at a point at the northeasterly corner of the parcel herein described, said point being along the southerly sideline of George Hannum Street and said point being along the westerly sideline of the Canadian National Railroad; thence S 18°-23'-02" E along said Canadian National Railroad a distance of 850.24' to an iron pin; thence S 51°-22'-09" W along land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Belchertown State School a distance of 399.24' to an iron pin on the northeasterly sideline of Jackson Street; thence N 38°-13'-08" W a distance of 271.22' to a point; thence N 39°-48'-55" W a distance of 641.00' to a point; thence N 43°-11'-50" W a distance of 180.27' to an iron pin at the intersection of said Jackson Street and George Hannum Street; the last three courses being along Jackson Street; thence N 46°-48'10" E a distance of 46.74' to a point; thence N 58°-32'09" E a distance of 325.00' to a point; thence N 83°-13'-17" E a distance of 84.19' to a point; thence S 88°-07'-42" E a distance of 250.00' to a point; thence N 81°-03'-21" E a distance of 101.84' to an iron pin and the point of beginning, the last five courses being along George Hannum Street. The above described parcel contains 13.353 acres more or less.

Parcel Number Two—Beginning at a point at the southwesterly corner of the parcel herein described, said point being along the easterly sideline of land of now or formerly the Boston and Maine Railroad, Massachusetts Central Division; thence N 18°-23'-02" W along said now or formerly Boston and Maine Railroad a distance of 389.26' to an iron pin; thence N 87°-45'-08" E along land of Raymond C. and Marie C. Bronner a distance of 588.33' to a point; thence N 89°-10'-44" E a distance of 431.34' along land of said Bronner to a concrete bound; thence S 33°-15'-20" E along land of Wendell C. and Alice A. McGinnis a distance of 234.92' to an iron pin; thence continuing along the same course and along land of said McGinnis a distance of 2.63' to a point, said point being the southeasterly corner of the parcel herein described and being on George Hannum Street; thence S 85°-03'09" W a distance of 114.39' to a point; thence S 80°-59'-28" W a distance of 419.58' to a point; thence S 77°-01'-02" W a distance of 216.42' to a point; thence S 75°-13'-18" W a distance of 297.24' to an iron pin and the point of beginning, the last four courses being along said George Hannum Street. The above described parcel contains 6.690 acres more or less.

Parcel Number Three—Beginning at a point on the southerly sideline of George Hannum Street and along the easterly sideline of now or formerly the Boston and Maine Railroad, Massachusetts Central Division, said point being the northwesterly corner of the parcel herein described; thence N 75°-13'-18" E a distance of 294.64' to a point; thence N 77°-01'-02" E a distance of 214.76' to a point; thence N 80°-59'-28" E a distance of 417.27' to a 30" maple; thence N 85°-03'-09" E a distance of 124.68' to a concrete bound, the last four courses being along George Hannum Street; thence S 31°-47'-15" E along land of Wendell C. and Alice A. McGinnis a distance of 386.36' to a concrete bound; thence S 87°-25'-38" W along land of now or formerly Harry Dodge a distance of 744.88' to a point; thence S 85°-30'-56" W a distance of 426.16' to a concrete bound on the easterly sideline of land of now or formerly the Boston and Maine Railroad; thence N 18°-23'-02" W a distance of 206.19' along said now or formerly Boston and Maine Railroad to an iron pin and the point of beginning. The above described parcel contains 7.389 acres more or less.

Total acreage of Parcels One, Two, and Three equal 27.433 acres more or less. For further reference see plan by Almer Huntley, Jr. and Associates, Inc., Registered Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers, 238 Bridge Street, Northampton, Mass. entitled "Land in Belchertown, Mass. Surveyed for The Town of Belchertown Board of Selectmen" scale 1"=100' and dated May 25, 1972.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IV. Vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a building committee for the construction of a new highway garage, and to submit three different sets of plans, and to appropriate from Public Law 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing, Entitlement Period 3) the sum of $8,000.00 to be used to obtain any or all necessary architectural renderings of the property or structure for said highway garage.

(The original motion was amended to include the words "and to submit three different sets of plans". The vote on the amendment was majority yes.)

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE V. Voted to appropriate from Public Law 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing, Entitlement Period 1) the sum of $18,000.00 for repairs to the roof and other maintenance for the Clapp Memorial Library.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VI. Voted to appropriate from Public Law 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing, Entitlement Period 2) the sum of $6,000.00 for the construction of a field house and repairs to the drainage system at Parsons Field.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VII. Voted to appropriate from Public Law 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing, Entitlement Period 2) the sum of $6,199.00 to purchase and equip a new Fire Truck, supplementing Article XXV of the Annual Town Meeting of March 12, 1973.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes

ARTICLE VIII. Voted to appropriate from Public Law 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing, Entitlement Period 2) the sum of $12,550.00 to pay for damages in connection with takings, which the Town would be liable for, as a result of the relocation of Bay Road from the intersection of Warren Wright Road to the intersection of Stebbins Street, all as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Bay Road, Belchertown, Mass., Hampshire County, as altered and relocated by the County Commissioners, dated October 12, 1972, Almer Huntley, Jr. and Associates, Inc., Registered Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers".

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IX. Voted to appropriate from Public Law 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing, Entitlement Period 2) the sum of $2,000.00 for the labor and equipment charges in connection with the extension of a water line with a hydrant along Hamilton Street to the present limits of the Belchertown Water District.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE X. Voted to appropriate from Public Law 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing, Entitlement Period 2) the sum of $5,000.00 to implement engineer's recommendation at the Sanitary Landfill Area in order to comply with state regulations.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XI. Voted to appropriate from Public Law 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing, Entitlement Period 2) the sum of $10,000.00 to install fire alarm systems at Cold Spring School and the Junior-Senior High School.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XII. Voted to take no action on this article.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XIII. Voted to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Residential District the following described land and including the same within the Business District:

Beginning at an iron pin on the westerly sideline of North Main Street (Rte. 202), said pin located approximately 250' southwesterly of a Massachusetts Highway Bound set forty feet westerly of the center line at Station 301+98.65 of the 1950 State Highway Layout of the aforementioned North Main Street; thence S 13°-42'-50" W 100.00' along said westerly sideline of North Main Street to an iron pin; thence N 76°-17'-10" W 174.50' along land of Alfred C. Jr. and Marguerite Drew to an iron pin set in a stone wall; thence N 10°-12'-50" E 100.19' along the wall bordering land of Ketchen Realty Trust to an iron pin; thence S 76°-17'-10" E 182.90' along other land of Ketchen Realty Trust to the point of beginning. Said land contains 17,870 square feet.

(Before action was taken on this article, the moderator explained that a typographical error had been made in the printing of the Warrant and that the final figure should have read 17,870 square feet. There were no objections from the floor to the correction.)

(Vote—Majority Yes) (89 Yes, 16 No)

ARTICLE XIV. Voted to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District the following described land and including the same within the Business District:

Beginning at a concrete bound in the westerly sideline of Franklin Street (Rte. 181); thence running S 7°-21'-30" E 300.00' along said westerly sideline to a point; thence N 32°-38'-30" W 300.00' along land of Floyd R and Luana M. Peeso to a point; thence N 9°-05'-00" E 268.00' along other land of Floyd R. and Luana M. Peeso to an iron pin at a corner of land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Univ. of Mass.; thence N 35°-24'-28" E 351.73' along said land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to an iron pin; thence N 81°-37'-10" W 128.85' along other land of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to an iron pin in the westerly sideline of Franklin Street; thence S 10°-55'-24" W 233.29' along said westerly sideline to a concrete bound; thence southwesterly 68.57' to the point of beginning. Said land contains 3.7 acres and is described in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Book 1540, Page 373.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE XV. Voted to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District the following described land and including the same within the Business District:

Beginning at a Massachusetts Highway Bound in the northerly sideline of Sargent Street (Rte. 9), said bound being located 30' north of the center line at Station 319+ 99.87 of the State Highway Layout; thence 224.12' northwesterly along the said northerly sideline of Sargent Street along a curve of 1635.63' radius to an iron pin; thence N 36°-07'-00'' E 408.15' along a stone wall bordering land of Roland E. Slate et ux to an iron pin; thence N 23°-11'-00'' E 125.00' along other land of Roland E. Slate et ux to a point; thence 52°-30'-00'' E 572.00 along other land of Robert J. Henrichon and Peter S. Galuszka to a point in the center of Thomas Brook; thence southwesterly 512.00' more or less, along the center of Thomas Brook bordering land of Donald A. and Helen A Towne to an iron pin in the northerly sideline of the aforementioned Sargent Street; thence N 53°-50'-59'' W 429.93' along said northerly sideline of Sargent Street to the point of beginning. Said land contains approprixmately seven (7) acres.

(Vote—Majority Yes) (Yes—88, No—2)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:49 P.M.

A True Copy, Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MVETING held December 17, 1973

Moderator—Herbert C. Wood
Registered voters present—80 (Quorum required—25)

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Town Clerk, Carl J. Peterson, Jr., in the absence of Charles Jackson, Town Moderator. The Clerk conducted the business of electing a moderator for the meeting. Herbert C. Wood was the only nominee and he was unanimously elected. Following his election, he was administed the Oath of Office by the Town Clerk, and then he assumed the duties of Moderator.

ARTICLE I. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $2,000.00 to the Old Town Hall Account for repairs and maintenance.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $4,000.00 to the Planning Board Expense Account for the purpose of conducting a road survey and classification.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE III. Voted to appropriate from Public Law 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing, Entitlement Period II) the sum of $2,800.00 to purchase and equip a new Slide in Sander.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE IV. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $500.00 to the Parks, Beach and Recreation Expense Account for the purpose of purchasing recreational game equipment.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE V. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $900.00 to the Board of Health Expense Account to allow the Town to enter into a contract with the Palmer Visiting Nurse's Association.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VI. Voted to appropriate from Public Law 92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing, Entitlement Period II) the sum of $2,850.00 in addition to that voted at the Special Town Meeting of May 26, 1970, for land takings for the relocation of Bay Road from the Amherst-Belchertown town line to the intersection of Bay Road and Warren Wright Road, all as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Bay Road, Belchertown, Mass., Hampshire County, As Altered and Relocated by the County Commissioners" dated February 1970, Almer Huntley, Jr. Associates, Inc. Surveyors.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VII. Voted to amend that portion of Article VI of the Special Town Meeting, May 21, 1973, in reference to Ambulance Training, which states that no payments shall be made under this authorization without certification by the Chief of Police of Belchertown, that the officer has met the requirements of the course and has been granted an official certificate of completion, by excluding from such requirements all officers officially enrolled in said course prior to May 21, 1973.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE VIII. Voted to accept the following as a public way:

As to the extent described on a plan of land entitled Rege Construction Co., Inc., plan dated March 29, 1972 which was approved by the Planning Board on June 12, 1972, recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book Number 83, pages 23, 24. A copy of said subdivision is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, said street to be known as Country Lane.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

ARTICLE IX. Voted to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District the following described land and including the same within the Business District:

Beginning at an iron pin on the westerly sideline of Amherst Road, a County Highway, Mass. Rt. #9, thence running S 23° 38' 46.7 feet to an iron pin along land of Louis Daigle, thence northwesterly along land of the Central Vermont Railroad 595 feet +/-, thence northerly via the Center of Scarborough Brook 290 feet +/- along land of Alfred H. and Clara M. Clark to

Amherst Road, thence southerly S 35°33' 10" E 79.50 feet to a Granite County Highway Bound, thence S 37° 27' 20" E 552.77 feet to a Granite Highway Bound, thence S 31° 37' E 37.8 feet along Amherst Road to point of beginning. Said land contains 2.1 acres +/- and is described in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Book 1566, Page 216.

(Vote—62 in favor, yes, 6 oppossed, no)

ARTICLE X. Voted to authorize the Selectmen pursuant to Chapter 101 of the General Laws as amended, to establish regulations and license fees for the regulation and control of hawkers and peddlers and to establish appropriate penalties for any violations of such regulations which penalties shall not exceed the statutory guideline therefore.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

Following the final article in the Warrant, a Motion to thank Herbert C. Wood for his services as Moderator of the meeting was unanimously voted.

Voted to dissolve the Meeting at 9:03 p.m.

A True Copy, Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

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Annual Town Meeting

Elections	1st Monday in March
Appropriations	2nd Monday in March

Tax Rate (12 months)	
General	$20.90
School	26.10
	$47.00

School Population	
Elementary	699
Junior High	240
Senior High	376
	1,315

Assessed Valuation

	1972	1973 (12 months)	Increase
Real Estate	$22,053,195.00	$23,560,155.00	$1,506,960.00
Personal Property	1,819,335.00	1,941,200.00	121,865.00
	$23,872,530.00	$25,501,355.00	$1,628,825.00

U.S. Senators

Edward M. Kennedy
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Edward W. Brooke
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

U.S. Representative

Silvo Conte
House Office Building
Washington, D.C.

State Senator

Frederick W. Schlosstein
Warren, Massachusetts

State Representatives

James R. Nolen
Ware, Massachusetts

James G. Collins
Amherst, Massachusetts

County Commissioners

Office-Court Building, Northampton, Massachusetts

David B. Musante, Chairman
29 Forest Glen Drive
Florence, Massachusetts

Paul R. Dineen
96 Pittroff Avenue
South Hadley, Massachusetts

John H. Brequet
70 High Street
Haydenville, Massachusetts

County Officers

Judge of Probate & Insolvency
Hon. Harry Jekanowski

Register of Deeds
Robert F. Czelusniak

Register of Probate & Insolvency
Frank E. Tuit, II

Clerk of Courts
Salvatore A. Polito

Sheriff
John F. Boyle

District Attorney Northwestern District
John M. Callahan
64 Woodbridge Terrace
South Hadley, Massachusetts

County Treasurer
William F. O'Connor

Annual Report

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

FOR THE YEAR ENDING — DEC. 31, 1974

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Annual Town Meeting

Elections	2nd Monday in April
Appropriations	1st Monday in April

Tax Rate	
General	$14.07
School	29.93
	$44.00

School Population	
Elementary	687
Junior High	230
Senior High	393
	1310

Assessed Valuation

	1973	1974	Increase
Real Estate	$23,560,155.00	25,565,035.00	2,004,880.00
Personal Property	1,941,200.00	2,024,080.00	82,880.00
	$25,501,355.00	27,589,115.00	2,087,760.00

U.S. Senators

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Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

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Town Officers

Elected Officers

Name	Office	Term Expires
	Moderator	
Charles W. Jackson		1975
	Town Clerk	
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		1975
	Board of Selectmen	
G. Parker Ketchen		1975
Arthur J. Moriarty		1976
William H. Squires, Jr.		1976
Peter M. Dearness		1977
William Gerry Whitlock		1977
	Treasurer	
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		1976
	Tax and Town Collector	
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		1977
	School Committee	
Mrs. Dorothy A. Rhodes		1975
George A. Smith, Jr.		1975
Harold E. Mellin		1976
William M. Russell		1976
Richard D. Pratt		1977
	Planning Board	
Everett W. Plant		1975
William M. Cary, Jr.		1976
Donald S. Cole		1977
John J. Sullivan, III		1978
Stanford J. Harrington		1979
	Cemetery Commissioners	
Edward L. Fuller	(Resigned 10/74)	1975
Sidney T. Wheble	(Appointed 10/74)	1975
Paul C. Cook		1976
Daniel W. MacPhee		1977
	Board of Assessors	
Samuel J. Joyal		1975
Walter L. Papp		1976
Edward O. Lofland		1977
	Housing Authority	
Edmund F. Wallace		1975
Arlan V. Skinner		1976
Kenneth W. Thayer		1977
Louis J. Austin		1978
Sophia M. Pero		1979
	Tree Warden	
Albert W. Brown		1975
	Sewer Commissioners	
Peter A. Whittaker		1975
Harry L. Brougham		1976
Alfred P. Atwood		1977
	Board of Health	
James A. Bonafini, Sr.		1975
John P. Bay		1976
Linda H. Snow		1977
	Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District Committee Member	
David A. Staples		1975
	Almoners—Whiting Street and Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds	
Mrs. Virginia M. Hislop		1975
Mrs. Janet L. Wood		1975
	Trustees, Calvin Bridgman Fund	
George A. Poole		1975
Kenneth H. Snow		1976
Mrs. Rachel G. Shumway		1977

Appointed Officers

	Town Accountant	
Mrs. Deborah A. Downing		6/30/77
	Assistant Town Accountant	
Mrs. Eleanor W. Bock		6/30/75
	Assistant Town Clerk	
Mrs. Margaret S. Kirby		6/30/75
	Assistant Town Treasurer	
Mrs. Margaret S. Kirby		6/30/75
	Deputy Collector	
Mrs. Margaret S. Kirby (office)		6/30/75
Norman C. Jeffery		6/30/75
	Finance Committee	
Edward H. Gates		1975
Kenneth H. Snow		1975
David G. Hodgen		1976
Donald C. McKenney		6/30/77
Bernard F. Wilkes, Jr.		6/30/77
	Town Counsel	
Stephen B. Monsein, Attorney		6/30/75
	Chief of Police	
Ernest M. Gay		6/30/75
	Constable	
Elmer M. Potter		6/30/75
Ernest M. Gay		6/30/75
	Sergeant	
Elmer M. Potter		6/30/75
Merton L. Pratt		6/30/75
James S. Tucker		6/30/75
	Fire Chief & Forest Fire Warden	
Louis E. Fuller		6/30/75
	Planning Assistant-Planning Board	
Susan C. Michael		
	Associate Assessor-Board of Assessors	
Valmore G. Beaudry	(Appointed 10/74)	
	Superintendent of Streets	
Albert L. LePage		6/30/75
	Building Inspector	
Jack Hulmes, Jr.	(Appointed 1/75)	6/30/75
	Inspector of Wiring	
Walter J. Henry	(Terminated 7/74)	
Robert J. Henrichon	(Appointed 7/74)	6/30/75
	Assistant Wiring Inspector	
Edward S. Czech	(Appointed 8/74)	6/30/75

Special Constable

Norman C. Jeffery		6/30/75

Dog Officer

Wallace F. Chevalier		6/30/75

Assistant Dog Officer

Robert W. Chevalier		6/30/75

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Albert W. Brown		1976

Veterans Services Agent

Earl F. Henrichon		6/30/75

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Royal K. Gay		6/30/75

Zoning By-Law Enforcement Officer

Henry R. Bleau		6/30/74
Susan C. Michael	(Appointed 7/1/74)	6/30/75

Veterans Graves Officer

Milton A. Butler		6/30/75

Registrars of Voters

Mrs. Mary T. Meaux		1975
Mrs. M. Rose Sorrell		1976
Mrs. Ethel H. Hawkins		6/30/77

Board of Appeals

Patrick D. Kamins		1975
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.		6/30/76
Arthur Davenport		6/30/77
Walter J. Carmody (Assoc. Member)		6/30/75
Peter J. Adzima (Assoc. Member)		6/30/75

Fence Viewer and Field Driver

John L. Bodzinski	(Resigned 7/74)	6/30/75
Owens W. Taylor	(Appointed 11/74)	6/30/75

Fence Viewer and Pound Keeper

John L. Bodzinski	(Resigned 7/74)	6/30/75
Owens W. Taylor	(Appointed 11/74)	6/30/75

Fence Viewers (Appointed 11/74)

David H. White		6/30/76
William H. Squires, Jr.		6/30/76

Civil Defense Director

Robert H. Phoenix		6/30/75

Radio Officer

Roy M. Nonnemaker		6/30/75

Radio Operator

Philip Depot		6/30/75

Recreation Director

Harrison Knox	(Resigned 7/74)	
Richard R. Hebert	(Appointed 8/74)	6/30/75

Parks, Beach and Recreation

Michael P. Forgue		1975
William F. Wegiel		1975
June D. Smith		1976
Richard K. Cook		1976
Shirley A. Dorey		6/30/77

War Memorial Committee

Isaac A. Hodgen	(Deceased)	1975
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.		6/30/77
Mrs. Alice Samborski		6/30/77
Edward O. Lofland		6/30/76
Robert W. Chevalier		6/30/75

Rationing Board

William N. Ridenour		6/30/75

Public Weighers

Joseph W. Tolpa, Sr.		6/30/75
Joseph W. Tolpa, Jr.		6/30/75
Robert R. Brock		6/30/75
Stanford J. Harrington		6/30/75
David A. Staples		6/30/75
Reginald Levesque		6/30/75
Lloyd B. Owen	(Appointed 6/74)	6/30/75
Robert L. Methot	(Appointed 5/74)	6/30/75
Claude Beaudoin	(Appointed 7/74)	6/30/75

Police Advisory Board

G. Parker Ketchen		7/31/74
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.		7/31/74
Arthur H. Brennen		7/31/74
Chief Ernest M. Gay		7/31/74

Development and Industrial Committee

Ruthella M. Tucker	(Resigned 10/74)	1975
Michael J. Geser		6/30/76
Peter M. Dearness		6/30/77
Patrick D. Kamins		6/30/77
Ralph F. Pittsley	(Resigned 10/74)	6/30/76
Edward H. Parker	(Appointed 12/74)	6/30/76

Conservation Commission

Sherman L. Gould		1975
Louis B. LaFromboise		1975
Dennis McGrevy	(Resigned 6/74)	1976
Gary D. Kellogg	(Elected 6/74)	1976
Kenneth W. Rhodes		1976
Mrs. Barbara E. Sullivan		6/30/77
Leslie A. Campbell		6/30/77
Andrew J. Sears		6/30/77

Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission

William M. Cary, Jr.		6/30/75
Stanford J. Harrington (Alternate)		6/30/75

Lower Pioneer Valley Joint Transportation Committee

Duggan A. Kimball	(Resigned 6/74)	
Gary LeBeau	(Appointed 7/74)	6/30/75

Select Committee on Goals

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	Final Report
Blake S. Jackson	Final Report
Mrs. Mary Locke	Final Report
Mrs. Roseann Nulman	Final Report
Alan C. Page	Final Report
Mrs. Claire Rieff	Final Report
Mrs. Teddy Stockwell	Final Report
Thomas J. Wolff	Final Report

Citizens Advisory Committee

Valmore G. Beaudry	Final Report
Mrs. Denise Humiston	Final Report
Stephen S. Lanphear	Final Report
Mrs. Sophia M. Pero	Final Report
Henry Renouf	Final Report
Mrs. Doris Stockton	Final Report
Thomas A. Weber	Final Report

Historical Commission

Doris M. Dickinson	1975
Helen F. Lister	1975
Shirley A. Bock	1976
Gerald G. Tremaine	1976
John Fitzgerald	6/30/77

Bicentennial Commission (Appointed 11/74)

Nora Austin	6/30/77
David Rhodes	6/30/77
Martin Keoughan	6/30/77
Geraldine Geser	6/30/77
Joanne Dearness	6/30/77
Margaret Nagy	6/30/77
Lynda Hartshorn	6/30/77

Highway Garage Building Committee

William Gerry Whitlock	6/30/75
James P. Boyko	6/30/75
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.	6/30/75

Council for the Aging

June S. Henneman		1975
George R. Bach	(Resigned)	1976
Rev. Thomas B. Pierce		1976
Victoria T. Sears		1976
Louise C. Wadsworth		6/30/77
Alan R. Wood		6/30/76
Marion Harrington	(Appointed 11/74)	6/30/77
Irene B. Orlando	(Appointed 11/74)	6/30/75

Energy Crisis Commission

Wilfred T. Weston	1975
Andrew T. Sears	1975
Robert H. Phoenix	1975
Ernest M. Gay (Advisory Member)	1975

State Skating Rink Site and Study Committee (appointed 11/74)

Robert L. Methot	6/30/75
Edmund Gingras	6/30/75
LaVerne LeMay	6/30/75
JoAnn Gavin	6/30/75
Martha Fredenburgh	6/30/75
Jean Mellin	6/30/75
Richard Hebert	6/30/75
Michael Forgue	6/30/75
Joan Fuller	6/30/75
Dale Squires	6/30/75
Hebert E. Squires	6/30/75
George Greule	6/30/75
Joseph R. White	6/30/75
Margaret Hulmes	6/30/75
Wm. Gerry Whitlock	6/30/75

School Site Study Committee (Appointed 11/74)

Mrs. Raymond E. (Charlotte) Duda	Final Report
Edward H. Gates	Final Report
Harold E. Mellin	Final Report
Mrs. Richard L. (Donna) Muller	Final Report
Roy M. Nonnemaker	Final Report
Richard B. Shepard	Final Report
Molly Weir	Final Report

Water Supply Study Committee (Appointed 11/74)

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	Final Report
Milton R. Locke	Final Report
William I. Shattuck, Jr.	Final Report

Police Officers

Chief

Ernest M. Gay	6/30/75

Full Time

Robert A. Knight	(Appointed 8/74)	6/30/75
Henry E. McManus	(Appointed 11/74)	6/30/75

Sergeant

Elmer M. Potter	6/30/75
Merton L. Pratt	6/30/75
James S. Tucker	6/30/75

Constable

Elmer M. Potter	6/30/75
Ernest M. Gay	6/30/75

Officers

Patricia W. Antonovitch		6/30/75
Paul F. Austin		6/30/75
Lester W. Beaudoin		6/30/75
Raymond E. Breton		6/30/75
Alfred H. Burns		6/30/75
David A. Conkey		6/30/75
Edward S. Czech		6/30/75
Thomas M. Dranka		6/30/75
Ernest M. Gay, Jr.		6/30/75
Julius J. Matusko		6/30/75
Henry E. McManus	(Resigned 10/1/74 as part-time)	6/30/75
Robert L. Methot	(Resigned 8/2/74	6/30/75
Herbert E. Squires		6/30/75
Philip N. Vanasse		6/30/75
William C. Zobka		6/30/75

Special Police-School Traffic

Lillian C. Austin	6/30/75
James R. Lodge	6/30/75
Patricia Antonovitch	6/30/75

All Other Specials

Alexander M. Cochrane		6/30/75
A. Preston Atwood		6/30/75
Randolph H. Brown		6/30/75
Wallace F. Chevalier		6/30/75
Robert W. Chevalier		6/30/75
Ralph Goodreau		6/30/75
Henry L. Lloyd		6/30/75
Ronald Zobka		6/30/75
Susan C. Michael	(Appointed 12/74)	6/30/75

Board of Health Appointments

Report Clerk

Charlotte P. Ketchen	1975

Agent Sanitarian

John A. Brickett	1975

Inspector of Animals

Lewis J. Austin	1975

Inspector of Plumbing	
Edward F. Czupkiewicz	1975
Special Agent at Belchertown State School	
Aran Kasparyan, M.D.	1975
Advisor to Board	
Kenneth L. Collard, M.D.	1975

Selectmen's Report

The Board of Selectmen met and organized as follows for the year 1974: G. Parker Ketchen—Chairman, Police Liaison; Peter M. Dearness—Vice-Chairman, Clerk, and Parks, Beach and Recreation Liaison; Wm. Gerry Whitlock—Highway Liaison; Arthur J. Moriarity—Highway Liaison; Wm. H. Squires, Jr.—Police Liaison.

Scheduled meetings were held on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. again this year. The majority of our meetings were held in Lawrence Memorial Hall in order to accommodate increased attendance by citizens and press.

The Board of Selectmen have realized a very busy year, which will probably be viewed in the future as the community's year of transition to full-time personnel for community services. The S.C.O.G Survey, Citizen Input, and Needs Reports submitted by many town committees and boards, all indicated a growing need for more full-time personnel and services within the community. We have taken steps forward in many of the suggested areas through the utilization of EEA, CETA, and Federal Revenue Sharing Funds. These programs are beneficial to the community in that they let the town experiment with full-time personnel without assuming the financial burden. The feasability and performance of these newly appointed positions can be evaluated by the tax payers prior to assuming the financial burden for them.

The area of Public Safety may have seen the greatest increase in equipment and full-time personnel over the past year. School traffic signals were installed in order to designate safe speeds and give sufficient warning to drivers during the times when students are entering and exiting our schools. The fire departments new truck arrived and was put into service. The many gratis projects that Chief Fuller's department undertakes for the benefit of the fire service in our community deserves notice. Many thanks to a dedicated and concerned group. The police department had its services bolstered by the addition of two full-time men per the recommendation of the Police Advisory Board. The PAB deserves commendation for the in-depth screening process that was conducted to select the two full-time patrolmen. The addition of the Belchertown State School onto our fire department's radio frequency, implementation of the "Towing Law", and the continuing investigation into the feasability of utilizing the Ware court system are other items worth mentioning. All in all there have been many changes and additions in the field of Public Safety in our community to insure increased service to the citizenry.

The Town's sanitary land-fill area continues to pose a problem although many corrective steps have been taken at the site. We were forced to tighten controls in general at the land-fill. Under CETA, we hired a full-time custodian to insure that dumping took place in the properly designated area and that the site was kept as neat as possible. Strict compliance to state sanitary regulations is a costly and time consuming problem. To comply with these regulations and still offer adequate service to the citizenry will become a major financial burden. Green Diamond Forestry conducted a lumber survey and marked trees for cutting in the Town-owned area next to the present land-fill. The timber on this land was placed for bid and is now in the process of being cut. This area will insure the Town a land-fill site for years to come.

The increased services in planning, building, and industrial development will be dealt with more extensively in the reports of other boards. The Board of Selectmen has recognized the need for positive action in these areas and has actively supported many issues dealing with them. Susan Michael, the Town's Zoning Enforcement Officer and assistant to the Planning Board, has done an admirable job in getting the houses in Town numbered and in conjunction with a group of students from the University of Mass. has taken some big steps forward in the finalization of the Town's master zoning plan. A Building Inspector was hired on a cooperative basis with the Town of Pelham in compliance with the state building code. The acceptance by the Town of the Cargo Operation on Maple Street was a step forward in encouraging industry into the Town. Planned industry is sorely needed in order to broaden our tax base and offer employment opportunities. As requested by the SCOG Survey, we have hired a full-time Jr. Engineer under CETA, who will head up the Communities Engineering Services and work with the Highway Department, Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen. His office will be in the new highway garage when it is completed. The availability of our new Wiring Inspector has increased the service in this area.

An increasing demand for recreational programs and facilities led the Board of Selectmen along with the Parks, Beach and Recreation Committee to hiring a full-time Recreation Director; again utilizing CETA funds. In conjunction with an appointed Skating Rink Site Study Committee, the Board of Selectmen made a maximum effort to have the proposed county skating rink located in Belchertown. The site selection, on the Belchertown State School, was ideal; with the only drawback being the location in regards to centrality within the county. Requests for tennis courts, more adult recreation programs, and additional and improved programs for our youth are items for consideration during fiscal '76.

Our Town has again realized some of the best "winter road conditions" in the county. This is a credit to our Highway Department. An emphasis has been placed on getting the Rte. 181 dry bridge problem resolved during the coming year. Hopefully, by June, 1975, our Highway Department will be operating out of the new highway garage. This will lend itself to conducting an even more efficient operation. The most recent development on the Highway Department is that its members voted unanimously to unionize (9-0 vote). This will greatly influence policy and wage negotiations with this group in the future.

Several meetings between Town Boards have confirmed the need for a Personnel Board. A Personnel By-law Study Committee has been established and is comprised of Departmental representatives and at large, qualified individuals. The Study Committee will have a proposal at the Annual Town Meeting to establish a Personnel Board. The Personnel Board will deal with municipal employees on such items as job classification, wages, fringe benefits and working hours.

Mrs. Louise Wadsworth was awarded the Citizen of the Year Award for her continuing service and dedication to programs involving both the elderly and youth of our community.

The annual Belchertown Fair was again successfully sponsored by the local Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Board of Selectmen declared June 9-15 as Belchertown Arts and Humanities Week.

Other items of interest include the installation of a plaque commemorating the deceased veterans of the Vietnam War by the War Memorial Committee, the attendance and float participation by the Board of Selectmen in the Ludlow and Leverett Bi-centennial celebrations, the application for national flood insurance, the availability of a free income tax assistance program held in Lawrence Memorial Hall by students from the University of Mass and the inception of a new legal state holiday, Martin Luther King Day.

In addition to local government administration, the Board of Selectmen have been very active in both county and state organizations with Mr. Whitlock being the current president of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association. All members have been very active in the Hampshire County Selectmen's Association which gives the Town good input into the formulation of the county budget.

In total, 1974 has indeed been a fruitful and transitional year. As we perform our duties as chief executives of the community, we are bound to make errors in judgement and also errors due to lack of having heard all the pros and cons pertaining to any given subject. Unfortunately, the adverse aspects of any decision that we make are most often heard after the decision has been made. The Board of Selectmen welcomes constructive criticism and input from the citizens of Belchertown. During the coming year we hope to see more townspeople attending our weekly meetings to insure the necessary input that we need to make the proper decisions for the community.

Respectfully submitted,
G. Parker Ketchen, Chairman

Housing Authority

The Belchertown Housing Authority has 48 units of 667-1 Elderly Housing at Everett Acres under management at this time. All apartments are occupied and we have a waiting list of 28 applicants. The oldest application on file dating to June, 1973. Though we are State financed and must accept applications for any resident of the State, local people currently make up about 50% of our waiting list. This is a much higher percentage than any previous year.

The Authority has been very active during the year. A garage for housing equipment and storage was constructed during the Spring and additional drainage for surface water was installed during the summer to complete on site construction work. The Authority has been working through the year with the Water Commissioners and the engineering firm of Tighe and Bond on the possible installation of a treatment system at the District's pumping station to reduce the corrosive activity of our local water on metals.

The Authority's office at Everett Acres is open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon for the filing of applications. The requirements for state-aided housing are that you are age 62 or over, or severely physically handicapped, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Massachusetts, an individual having a net income of less than $4,500 per year or a couple with a net income of less than $5,000 per year. All rents are based on 25% of net income and include heat, hot water, electricity and maintenance service.

Belchertown Housing Authority
Edmund F. Wallace, Chairman
Louis J. Austin
Arlan V. Skinner
Kenneth W. Thayer
Sophia M. Pero

Town Accountant Report

I hereby submit my annual report for the fiscal year January 1, 1973 through June 30, 1974.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah A. Downing,
Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE		
TAXES		
Local		
Property	$1,751,082.89	
Tax Title Redemptions	2,124.21	
Farm Animal Excise	2,061.95	
Lieu Taxes	97,206.00	
State Local Aid Fund		
Machinery Basis	4,482.98	
School Aid	708,705.54	
		$2,565,663.57
LICENSES AND PERMITS		
Alcoholic Beverage	10,175.00	
All Other	7,330.42	
		17,505.42
FINES AND FORFEITS		
Court Fines		1,302.00
GRANTS AND GIFTS		
Federal		
School		
Public Law 864	1,355.09	
Public Law 874	15,147.00	
Other	83.09	
Other Public Laws	40,962.42	
		57,547.60
State		
School		
Transportation	108,989.24	
Vocational Education	23,834.00	
Food Services	41,266.07	
Building Assistance	23,250.00	
Regional Aid	49,754.00	
Other Purposes		
Highways		
— Chapter 81	40,244.30	
Chap. 616 Acts 67	7,440.00	
Chap. 90-33B	12,064.87	
Chap. 1140	135,299.00	
State Census	1,440.50	
Library Aid	4,452.00	
Gas Tax & Lottery	124,730.41	
Health	5,900.00	
		578,664.39
County		
Dog Fund		3,946.82
Gifts from Individuals		6,237.39
ALL OTHER GENERAL REVENUE		$305.19
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS		
Sewer		600.00
PRIVILEGES		
Motor Vehicle	$189,802.53	
Trailer	8,070.00	
Pole Locations	144.00	
		198,016.53
DEPARTMENTAL		
General Gov't.		
Selectmen	16.00	
Treasurer	58.00	
Collector	2,497.16	
Town Clerk	2,105.40	
Planning Bd.	165.50	
Appeals Bd.	210.00	
Other	225.00	
		5,277.06
Public Safety		
Police Dept.	1,120.00	
Fire Dept.	14.00	
Forestry	50.00	
Sealer	284.25	
Other	390.00	
		1,858.25
Health & Sanitation		
Other Health	4,762.07	
Sewer	9,133.49	
Refuse	82.50	
Other Sanitation	706.40	
		14,684.46
Highways		
General	2,733.45	
Chapter 90	62,961.52	
Snow	898.75	
Machinery	5,412.64	
		72,006.36
Veterans' Services		9,518.01
Schools		
State Wards	922.51	
Sale Supplies	48.02	
Rentals	445.00	
Sale Lunches	72,431.93	
Athletic Acct.	4,797.72	
Revolving Accts.	1,108.08	
		79,753.26

Unclassified		
Rental of Property	805.00	
Insurance Claims	1,985.41	
		2,790.41
CEMETERIES		
Sale of Lots	910.00	
Miscellaneous	2,900.00	
		3,810.00
INTEREST		
On Deposits	7,237.71	
On Taxes	4,823.53	
On Motor Vehicle	426.32	
On Investments	3,031.09	
On Trust Funds		
Assistance	5,576.85	
Cemeteries	4,741.59	
Miscellaneous	841.08	
		26,678.17
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		
Antic. of Revenue	200,000.00	
Temporary Loans	28,340.00	
		228,340.00
AGENCY, TRUST, INVESTMENT		
Agency		
Licenses State	11,811.75	
Dog Licenses	4,878.30	
Payroll Deductions		
Federal	224,552.00	
State	67,569.84	
Group Insurance	34,136.49	
Retirement	19,319.08	
Trust		
Perpetual Care	568.00	
Other Trusts	2,925.16	
Investments	200,000.00	
		565,760.62
REFUNDS		
General Gov't.	9.32	
Health & Sanitation	116.25	
Highways	67.54	
Veterans' Benefits	26.40	
Schools	1,434.30	
Unclassified	2,369.90	
All Other	5,847.29	
		9,871.00
REVENUE SHARING		
Entitlements	214,217.78	
Income Earned	8,938.67	
		223,156.45
TOTAL RECEIPTS		4,673,292.96
BALANCE JANUARY 1, 1973		462,191.22
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TOTAL RECEIPTS & CASH		$5,135,484.18

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Selectmen, Salaries		$6,720.00
Expenses		
Clerk Salary	$600.00	
Meetings, etc.	919.35	
Dues	756.74	
Telephone	1,154.50	
Mileage	477.40	
Office Supplies	242.11	
Postage	249.22	
Advertising	755.18	
		5,154.50
Town Accountant & Admin. Secretary, Salary		10,100.00
Expenses		
Clerical Wage	6,326.98	
Meetings, etc.	619.08	
Office Supplies	716.35	
Postage	43.18	
Maint. Agreements	215.50	
Advertising	77.67	
Cabinet	63.65	
Out of State Travel	50.00	
		8,112.41
Treasurer, Salary		5,125.00
Expenses		
Clerical Wages	7,435.88	
Postage	844.68	
Office Supplies	544.75	
Meetings, etc.	39.20	
Bonds	500.00	
Repairs & Maint.	188.00	
Meter Rental	74.10	
Maint. Agreements	50.83	
		9,677.44
Collector, Salary		5,445.00
Expenses		
Clerical Wages	7,742.17	
Postage	1,180.00	
Office Supplies	1,384.87	
Meetings, etc.	57.31	
Bonds	691.00	
Service Contract	23.00	
		11,078.35
Assessors, Salaries		2,575.00
Expenses		
Clerical Wages	12,882.14	
Maint. Valuation	5,033.92	
Office Supplies	1,618.67	
Transfers, Deeds	394.50	
Meetings, etc.	1,089.12	
Telephone	480.03	
Repairs & Maint.	133.78	
Typewriter	240.00	

Updating Maps	680.00	
		22,552.16
Assessors, Maps		13,000.00
Finance Committee		
Expenses		
Wages	$36.00	
Meetings, etc.	172.85	
Office Supplies	13.50	
		$222.35
Town Clerk, Salary		2,560.00
Expenses		
Clerical Wages	3,493.78	
Office Supplies	531.75	
Postage	342.05	
Telephone	424.98	
Meetings, etc.	50.50	
Bonds	40.00	
Advertising	24.50	
Books	232.45	
		5,140.01
Law Account		
Retainer Fee	4,500.00	
Books	93.50	
Recording of Deeds	25.00	
Appraisal	850.00	
Other	58.00	
		5,526.50
Special Law Account		
Consultant		1,562.25
Election & Registration		
Expenses		
Clerical Wages	1,310.47	
Other Wages	2,055.52	
Printing & Postage	212.65	
Office Supplies	825.47	
Postings	50.18	
Street Listings	2,288.20	
Meetings, etc.	122.12	
Clerk, Salary	150.00	
		7,014.61
Planning Board		
Expenses		
Clerical Wages	5,166.43	
Consultant Service	430.00	
Meetings, etc.	309.18	
Postage, Supplies	679.01	
Telephone	105.72	
Advertising	82.50	
Engineering	984.45	
Maps	72.00	
CAC	1,282.98	
SCOG	1,157.12	
		10,269.39
Conservation Commisssion		
Expenses		
Dues	50.00	
Publications	22.50	
Postage	29.30	
Office Supplies	52.74	
Other	60.48	
		215.02
Board of Appeals		
Expenses		
Postage	$34.11	
Advertising	201.88	
Supplies	83.99	
		$319.98
Lawrence Memorial Hall		
Expenses		
Wages	1,105.00	
Utilities	694.22	
Painting	761.92	
Care of Grounds	309.75	
Supplies & Rep.	1,200.64	
Cabinets & Other	555.69	
Renovations	1,120.00	
		5,747.22
Town Garage		
Expenses		
Utilities	1,707.59	
Supplies & Equip.	965.98	
Repairs	349.26	
Wages	55.70	
Calculator	99.95	
Pressure Washer	770.00	
Other	12.00	
		3,960.48
Old Town Hall		
Expenses		
Wages	507.09	
Utilities	2,611.06	
Supplies	20.10	
Repair & Replace	743.46	
Boiler Maint.	192.00	
		4,073.71
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Police Department		
Chief, Salary		14,657.00
Expenses		
Wages	52,108.60	
Telephone	2,360.67	
Postage & Supp.	1,508.35	
Gas, Oil, Tires	7,118.00	
Maint. Vehicles	4,432.87	
Matron & Legal	153.50	
Equip. & Badges	2,144.83	
Schooling & Trav.	773.11	
Pistol Permits	100.00	
Police Exam	150.00	
Photographer	250.00	
Insurance Ded.	100.00	
Advertising	226.95	

Other	24.00	
		71,450.88
Fire Department		
Chief, Salary		900.00
Expenses		
Wages	5,000.00	
Utilities	2,932.79	
Repairs & Repl.	1,836.20	
Gas & Oil	12.00	
Supplies & Equip.	2,673.18	
Dues & Subscript.	98.50	
Snow Plowing	100.00	
Postage	23.54	
Permits	50.00	
Other	45.92	
		12,772.13
Hydrant Service		6,500.00
Insect Pest Control		
Expenses		
Wages	74.00	
Hired Equip.	1,871.25	
Materials	444.20	
		2,389.45
Dutch Elm Disease		
Expenses		
Wages	1,826.25	
Hired Equip.	1,308.26	
	3,134.51	
Tree Warden		
Expenses		
Wages	1,820.25	
Hired Equip.	940.50	
Meetings, etc.	58.07	
Trees	300.00	
		3,118.82
Zoning Officer, Salary		600.00
Expenses		
Mileage	301.74	
Office Supplies	55.08	
		356.82
Wiring Inspector, Salary		600.00
Expenses, Misc.		73.78
Civil Defense, Salary		525.00
Expenses, Misc.		445.86
Sealer of Weights, Salary		450.00
Expenses, Misc.		169.92
Water Storage Holes, Wage		51.80
Dog Officer		
Expenses		
Investigations	560.00	

Excavations	98.00	
Restraining Orders	405.00	
Postage	19.50	
Supplies	29.10	
Advertising	4.50	
		1,116.10

HEATH & SANITATION

Board of Health, Salary		565.00
Wages		
Clerical Wages	23.11	
Perc Tests	1,096.00	
Sanitarian, Salary	900.00	
Animal Inspector	450.00	
Plumbing Inspector	1,288.00	
Clerk, Wages	150.00	
		3,907.11
Expenses		
Sanitarian	450.00	
Pest Control	180.00	
Clinics	2,335.75	
Office Supplies	233.82	
Meetings, etc.	985.22	
Doctors Services	252.50	
Nurses Services	905.00	
Contract Services	20.00	
Drugs	110.00	
Postage	10.46	
Polio Clinic	59.00	
		5,541.75
Sewer Maintenance		
Commissioners, Salaries		975.00
Expenses		
Wages	2,126.79	
Hired Equip.	1,656.10	
Supplies	358.01	
Mowing	176.25	
Sewer Sealing	9,994.87	
Sewer Engineering	594.22	
Repair & Replace	40.75	
State School Lagoon	15.00	
Other Wages	69.20	
Other	105.00	
		15.136.19
Sewer Engineering		
South Belchertown		105.00
Town Dump		
Expenses		
Custodian Wages	3,861.34	
Other Wages	4,359.14	
Bulldozing	14,538.25	
Materials	90.66	
Hired Equip.	483.00	
Stickers	177.60	
Other	39.80	
		23,549.79

HIGHWAYS		
Superintendent, Salary		15,650.00
General		
Expenses		
Wages	13,671.53	
Holidays	2,982.80	
Hired Equip.	2,267.33	
Signs	574.82	
Materials	1,999.97	
Garage Rental	1,575.00	
Rubbish Removal	1,020.00	
Winter Employment	6,143.57	
Wages 90-33B	205.60	
Mowing	3,571.25	
Brushcutting	2,210.45	
Paving	18,069.29	
Travel	57.29	
Call Time	185.10	
Town Equipment	229.37	
Stump Removal	98.00	
		54,861.37
Sick Leave		2,456.00
Vacation Leave		2,478.40
Chapter 90 Construction-72		
Expenses		
Wages	3,584.30	
Town Equipment	1,677.40	
Hired Equipment	11,609.75	
Materials	2,270.98	
Prints	2.40	
Hired Wages	70.00	
		19,214.83
Chapter 90 Construction-73		
Expenses		
Wages	3,391.85	
Town Equipment	1,321.82	
Materials	20,500.61	
Hired Equipment	12,693.00	
		37,907.28
Chapter 90 Maintenance		
Expenses		
Wages	6,764.26	
Town Equipment	472.79	
Hired Equipment	77.00	
Materials	19,816.98	
Other	21.15	
		27,152.18
Chapter 81-73		
Expenses		
Wages	19,591.77	
Hired Equipment	624.00	
Materials	12,782.23	
		32,998.00

Chapter 81-74		
Expenses		
Wages	4,193.49	
Hired Equipment	45.00	
Materials	1,355.50	
		5,593.99
Streets		
Expenses		
Wages	4,581.70	
Hired Equipment	863.50	
Materials	5,714.13	
Hired Wages	745.75	
Blasting	1,432.95	
		13,338.03
Bridges		
Expenses		
Wages	597.75	
Hired Equipment	216.00	
Materials	1,186.25	
		2,000.00
Pickup Truck		3,218.19
Sidewalks		
Expenses		
Wages	531.68	
Hired Equipment	4,476.00	
Hired Wages	80.00	
Paving	51.40	
Other	43.69	
		5,182.77
Snow Removal		
Expenses		
Wages	11,965.40	
Hired Equipment	14,426.37	
Cutting Edges	491.21	
Materials	814.59	
Salt	11,130.56	
Sand	3,811.74	
		42,639.87
Chapter 90-33B		
Hamilton Street		
Expenses		
Wages	1,345.15	
Hired Equipment	90.00	
Hired Wages	71.50	
Town Equipment	304.85	
Materials	1,192.31	
CVRR Bill	9,061.06	
		12,064.87
Jackson Street		
Expenses		
Wages	2,817.35	
Town Equipment	1,102.08	
Hired Equipment	857.00	
Materials	5,349.87	
Survey	1,933.95	
CVRR Bill	7,000.00	
		19,060.25

Three Rivers Road		
Expenses		
Survey		423.25
Road Machinery Expense		
Expenses		
Diesel Fuel	894.44	
Fuel Tax	379.83	
Repairs & Maint.	8,432.53	
Gas & Oil	7,677.92	
Materials	1,413.70	
Radios	226.55	
Other	3.00	
		19,027.97
Street Lighting		15,361.26
VETERANS' DEPARTMENT		
Veterans' Agent, Salary		1,518.00
Expenses		
Wages	747.95	
Postage	44.00	
Subscriptions	20.00	
Other	29.89	
		841.84
Veterans' Benefits		
Expenses		
Ordinary Benefits	10,102.01	
Heat	2,168.75	
Hospital	1,872.06	
Medication	1,758.05	
Nurses & Doctors	1,267.25	
Blue Cross	214.50	
Opticians	57.35	
Furnace	978.10	
Shoes	95.00	
Ambulance	35.50	
		18,548.57
SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES		
School Department		
General Control #1000		
Salaries	48,877.71	
Expenses	3,591.76	
Out of State Travel	400.00	
		52,869.47
Instruction #2000		
Salaries	1,152,075.89	
Expenses	83,268.49	
Out of State Travel	342.35	
		1,235,686.73
Other School Services #3000		
Salaries	42,139.27	
Expenses	27,474.96	
Transportation	157,107.68	
		226,721.91
Operation and Maintenance #4000		
Salaries	97,199.05	
Expenses	171,417.75	
		268,616.80
Programs with Other Schools #9000		
Tuition	22,384.06	
Transportation	24,088.00	
		46,472.06
School Traffic Signs		7,590.00
Clapp Memorial Library		
Expenses		
Wages	8,125.28	
Mileage	72.22	
Books	2,414.36	
Utilities	2,489.75	
Supplies	343.84	
Insurance	628.00	
Care of Grounds	63.00	
Repairs	326.44	
Advertising	53.72	
		14,516.61
RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED		
Parks, Beach & Recreation		
Expenses		
Wages	6,024.25	
Utilities	294.86	
Care of Grounds	1,003.75	
Repairs	417.76	
Supplies	1,158.59	
Babe Ruth	112.00	
Advertising	29.16	
Other	82.50	
		9,122.87
Unclassified Account		
Expenses		
3 M Copier	1,492.78	
Advertising	234.50	
Maps	44.90	
Plaques	71.12	
Misc. Fees	65.00	
Celebrations	458.89	
		2,367.19
Printing Town Report		3,858.00
Unpaid Bills 1972		1,996.10
Patriotic Exercises		165.35
Rental American Legion		450.00
Insurance Account		42,628.30
Town Clock		300.00
Pathfinder Capital		56,136.01
Pathfinder Operating		135,063.82
Town Common		1,255.55

CEMETERIES		
Commissioners, Salaries		900.00
Expenses		
Wages	1,404.00	
Snow Removal	180.00	
Open & Close	916.00	
Raking & Mowing	8,570.64	
Repair & Replace	157.66	
Supplies	285.70	
		11,514.00
Veterans' Graves		
Expenses		
Wages	25.00	
Flags	181.80	
Repairs & Maint.	93.00	
		299.80
INTEREST & MATURING DEBT		
Interest		
1949 Sewer	62.50	
1963 Jr.-Sr. School	22,320.00	
Antic. of Revenue	3,597.88	
Hamilton Street	486.22	
Jackson Street	799.48	
		27,266.08
Maturing Debt		
1949 Sewer	1,000.00	
1963 Jr.-Sr. School	45,000.00	
Antic. of Revenue	200,000.00	
Antic. of Reimb.	10,940.00	
		256,940.00
PETTY CASH		
School Dept.	100.00	
School Lunch	50.00	
Town Accountant	525.00	
Public Law Title I	175.00	
Assessors	100.00	
		950.00
TOWN APPROPRIATIONS		
Blue Cross		25,435.31
Group Life		1,451.40
Pensions		28,709.25
STATE & COUNTY ASSESSMENTS		
Audit of Accounts		6,835.07
State Rec. Areas		13,790.15
Motor Vehicle Bills		499.35
LPV Air Pollution		376.22
LPV Regional Planning		837.72
State Assessment System		230.48
County Tax		85,591.11
County Hospital		6,575.80

PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS		
Federal Withholding		224,068.90
State Withholding		66,845.78
Retirement		19,053.75
Blue Cross-Employees		25,709.68
Blue Cross-Pensioners		769.44
Blue Cross-O.M.E.		2,832.16
Group Life		1,906.38
Cancer Care		2,455.60
REFUNDS		
Current Year 73-74		
Real Estate		13,610.22
Personal		28.60
Motor Vehicle Excise		4,109.76
Estimate Receipts		200.00
Sewer Rentals		129.85
Previous Years		
Real Estate		463.00
Motor Vehicle Excise		2,007.95
Federal Tax		229.29
AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENT		
Agency		
Sporting Licenses		11,811.75
Dog Licenses		4,577.80
Trust		
Cemetery PC Bequests		1,285.00
Cemetery PC Income		3,496.46
Susan Bridgman Income		267.52
Nellie E. Brown		23.00
Whiting Street		1,899.86
George Longley Music		267.50
Calvin Bridgman HS		757.80
Parsons Field House		2,319.83
Public Laws		
91-230 VI-B		13,924.48
ESEA 89-10 II		5,708.82
ESEA 89-10 I		6,517.05
ESEA 89-10 I Summer		530.95
ESEA 89-10 I 73-74 SY		7,685.00
Revolving		
School Lunch		
Food	73,074.42	
Expenses	13,322.32	
Wages	28,141.60	
		114,538.34
High School Athletics		3,355.24
Book Fund		136.03
Band Fund		697.96
Industrial Arts		112.28
Insurance Claims		
Basketball Hoop		207.00
Ambulance		114.72
Police Cruiser		567.84
Flute		146.00
Investment		

General Cash		400,000.00
DOG OFFICER FEES		
Care and Custody	3,300.00	
Destroying	552.00	
		3.852.00
FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING		
Wages		
Water Line Ext. Hamilton St.		693.65
Ambulance Training		3,502.07
Sanitary Landfill Area		706.40
School Fire Alarm System		5,157.60
Slide in Sander		2,798.98
Selectmen, Files		315.73
3 M Copier		1,395.00
Election, File		123.61
Assessors, Typewriter		300.00
Accountant, Calculator		515.90
Treasurer, Typewriter		540.00
Town Clerk, File		123.61
Collector, Calculator		420.00

Planning Board, Used File	75.00
Fire Dept. Misc. Equip.	800.00
Tree Warden, Trees	300.00
Parks, Beach & Rec., Dock Ext.	614.02
Cemetery, Trees	600.00
Highway Garage, Plans	2,294.95
Bay Road Landtakings	14,000.00
Police Cruiser	3,200.00
Police Radio	2,039.20
Fire Station Repair	6,993.22
Water Line Ext. Hamilton St.	1,972.65
Town Dump Survey	5,252.35
Ambulance Training	3,502.07
Clapp Memorial Library Roof	18,000.00
Sanitary Landfill Exec. Plans	2,098.40
Parsons Field House & Drain	6,000.00
Fund Investment	26,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,300,353.72
BALANCE JUNE 30, 1974	835,130.46
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CASH	$5,135,484.18

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

Balance Sheet—June 30, 1974

General Accounts

Assets

Cash:		
General	$671,993.30	
Invested in Certificates of Deposit	200,000.00	
		$871,993.30
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes		
Levy of 1969		
Personal Property		312.80
Levy of 1970		
Personal Property	367.20	
Real Estate	2,774.40	
		3,141.60
Levy of 1971		
Personal Property	715.20	
Real Estate	19.20	
		734.40
Levy of 1972		
Personal Property	602.10	
Real Estate	1,919.90	
		2,522.00
Levy of 1973		
Personal Property	1,038.78	
Real Estate	12,221.43	
		13,260.21

Liabilities and Reserves

Temporary Loans:		
In Anticipation of Reimbursement		$17,400.00
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Taxes	$3,625.00	
State Withholding Taxes	5,050.98	
Retirement (County)	1,502.31	
Group Medical Insurance	1,414.08	
Group Life Insurance	79.18	
		11,671.55
Agency		
County Dog Licenses		303.15
Gifts and Bequests:		
Parsons Field—New Field House	3.22	
Ambulance Fund	368.15	
		371.37
Trust Fund Income:		
Susan M.D. Bridgman Charity	17,560.80	
Calvin Bridgman High School	2.88	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	505.46	18,069.14

Levy of 1974		
Personal Property	3,672.90	
Real Estate	44,964.83	
		48,637.73
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Levy of 1969	772.02	
Levy of 1970	2,829.51	
Levy of 1971	5,813.50	
Levy of 1972	7,899.49	
Levy of 1973	9,822.67	
Levy of 1974	37,258.60	
		64,395.79
Special Assessments:		
Sewer		
Rentals 1972	7.92	
Rentals 1973	111.31	
		119.23
Special Taxes:		
Farm Animal Excise		
Levy of 1972	12.00	
Levy of 1973	784.52	
		796.52
Tax Titles and Possessions:		
Tax Titles	9,349.56	
Tax Possessions	2,119.19	
		11,468.75
Departmental:		
Highways— Miscellaneous	649.10	
Veterans' Services	1,289.72	1,938.82
Aid To Highways:		
State	70,318.79	
County	9,500.00	
		79,818.79
Due from County:		
Dog Officer Fees		2,900.00
Revenue of 1975		2,288,905.73
Unprovided for or Overdrawn Accounts Accounts:		
Underestimates 1974		
County Tax		18,568.33
		$3,409,514.00

Investment Funds:		
To be invested- Conservation Fund		1,250.00
Federal Grants:		
Schools		
Public Law #89-10	8,463.34	
Public Law #88-210	6.62	
Public Law #91-230	2,204.65	
Public Law #81-874	6,044.00	
		16,718.61
Revolving Funds:		
Lost and Damaged Books	57.74	
School Lunch	541.06	
High School Athletics	1,763.40	
Industrial Arts	525.12	
Band Revolving	132.04	
		3,019.36
Insurance Claims:		
Police Radio	$658.00	
Town Truck	429.86	
		1,087.86
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue		
General	77,532.23	
Non-Revenue		
Junior-Senior High School Const.	1,688.30	
Interceptor Sewer	2,231.61	81,452.14
Overestimates 1974:		
State Recreational Areas	2,015.89	
Lower Pioneer Valley-Air Pollution	.51	
		2,016.40
Sale of Real Estate		3,363.68
Sale of Cemetery Lots		3,094.50
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:		
Road Machinery Earnings	1,581.37	
Highway Aid— Chapter 1140 Sec. 20	30,141.63	
		31,723.00
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		11,130.54
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1970	3,148.80	
Levy of 1971	734.40	
Levy of 1972	2,329.47	
Levy of 1973-74	17,419.66	
		23,632.33
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise	64,395.79	
Farm Animal Excise	796.52	

Special Assessments	119.23	
Tax Titles and Possessions	11,468.75	
Departmental	1,938.82	
Aid to Highways	62,418.79	
		141,137.90
Surplus Revenue		503,764.55
Appropriations Control Account		2,538,307.92
		$3,409,514.00

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
Balance Sheet—June 30, 1974

Federal Revenue Sharing Accounts

Assets

Special Cash		$163,137.16
Due From Public Law# 92-512		
Entitlement Period 1	$3,899.29	
Entitlement Period 2	19,090.07	
Entitlement Period 3	50,685.05	
Entitlement Period 4	124,262.00	
Entitlement Period 5	60,823.00	
		258,759.41
		$421,896.57

Liabilities and Reserves

Federal Grants:		
Public Law #92-512		
Entitlement Period 1	$3,946.96	
Entitlement Period 2	19,264.41	
Entitlement Period 3	51,123.24	
Entitlement Period 4	94,273.52	
		$168,608.13
Appropriations Control Account		40,000.00
Appropriation Balances General		213,288.44
		$421,896.57

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:	
Cash and Securities	$144,811.34
	$144,811.34

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	$40,823.90
Stabilization Fund	58,483.87
Susan M.D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	878.22
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	1,421.36
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,851.80
George D. Longley Music Fund	2,041.16
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	6,909.50
Whiting Street Poor Fund	14,145.25
Susan M.D. Bridgman Poor Fund	12,284.89
Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fund	2,499.60
Vienna E. Somes Cemetery Fund	471.79
	$144,811.34

DEBT ACCOUNTS

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 1/31/73	Paid in 1973-74	Outstanding 6/30/74	Due in Fiscal 1975
Sewer Construction	1949	2.5	$2,000.00	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	$1,000.00
New Jr.-Sr. High School Loan	1963	3.1	495,000.00	45,000.00	450,000.00	45,000.00

DEBT STATEMENT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Serial Loans:	
Inside Debt Limit		Inside Debt Limit	
General	$1,000.00	Sewer Loan 1949	$1,000.00
Outside Debt Limit		Outside Debt Limit	
General	450,000.00	School Building Loan 1963	450,000.00
	$451,000.00		$451,000.00

Report of the Town Treasurer

For the Eighteen-Month Period from January 1, 1973 through June 30, 1974

Cash on Hand 1/1/73	$416,778.22	Payments, as authorized	$4,300,353.72
Receipts 1/1/73-6/30/74	4,718,705.96	Cash on Hand 6/30/74	835,130.46
	$5,135,484.18		$5,135,484.18

Income from savings deposits, excluding trust funds, $8,734.40

Federal Revenue Sharing Account

	Principal	Interest			
Cash on Hand 1/1/73			$45,413.00	Payments, as authorized	$79,316.56
Receipts of 1973:				Cash on Hand 6/30/74	163,137.16
Ent. I	——	2040.67			$242,453.72
Ent. II	43,578.00	2580.34			
Ent. III	51,827.00	2741.19			
Ent. IV	92,331.00	1942.52	197,040.72		
	187,736.00 +	9304.72 =	$242,453.72		

Funds Borrowed during 1973 and six months of 1974, as authorized

Note	Purpose	From	Dated	Amount	Due Date	Rate	Interest
#271	Hamilton St. R.R. Crossing	State St. Bank & Trust	4/18/73	$10,940.00	10/18/73	3.92	$218.00
#272	Tax Anticipation	Hampshire Nat'l. Bank	5/29/73	100,000.00	11/16/73	3.60	1710.00
#273	Tax Anticipation	3rd Nat'l. of Hampden Ctny.	5/29/73	100,000.00	11/16/73	3.84	1887.88
#274	Jackson St. R.R. Crossing	Holyoke National Bank	7/9/73	17,400.00	1/7/74	4.55	394.94
#275	Renewal-Note #271 Hamilton St. R.R. Crossing	State St. Bank & Trust	10/18/73	10,940.00	4/18/74	5.40	265.84

#276	Renewal-Note #274 Jackson St. R.R. Crossing	Holyoke National Bank	1/7/74	17,400.00	7/5/74	4.75	404.54

Total Borrowed—

Tax Anticipation $200,000.00 at $3597.88 interest
Anticipation of Reimbursement 28,340.00 at $1283.32 interest

Trust Funds	**1/1/73**	**Deposits**	**Interest**	**Withdrawals**	**6/30/74**
Calvin Bridgman (High School)	$7,089.11		578.19	757.80	6,909.50
George D. Longley (Music)	2,137.37		171.29	267.50	2,041.16
Susan M.D. Bridgman (Cemetery)	811.89		66.33		878.22
Whiting Street	14,868.53		1,176.58	1,899.86	14,145.25
Willard A. Stebbins (Cemetery)	2,310.75		188.85		2,499.60
Calvin Bridgman (Library)	4,485.19		366.61		4,851.80
S.M.D. Bridgman (Poor)	8,121.07		663.82		8,784.89
Vienna Sommes (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	436.18		35.61		471.79
Perpetual Care (Cemeteries)	40,530.14	995.00	3,300.35	4,001.59	40,823.90
Nellie E. Brown (Mt. Hope Cemetery)	1,335.62		108.74	23.00	1,421.36
Stabilization Fund	54,064.29		4,419.58		58,483.87
	$136,190.14	995.00	11,075.95	6,949.75	141,311.34

Bank Stock Investment:

Susan M.D. Bridgman (Poor)—State Audit Value $3500.00—18 Month Dividends—$5576.85

Respectfully submitted,
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Treasurer

Appropriations and Expenditures for the 18 Month Fiscal Year 1973-1974

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Balance Forward 1972	Approp-riations ATM-STM	Refunds Transfers Adjustments	Amount Available for Expenditure	Expended by Warrant	Expended by Journal	Unex-pended Balance	Balance to 1975
Moderator	0	$38.00	0	$38.00	0	0	$38.00	0
Selectmen—Salaries	0	6,720.00	0	6,720.00	6,720.00	0	0	0
Selectmen—Wage	0	600.00	0	600.00	600.00	0	0	0
Selectmen—Expense	0	4,550.00	20.00	4,750.00	4,554.50	0	15.50	0
Accountant—Secretary—Salary	0	10,100.00	0	10,100.00	10,100.00	0	0	0
Accountant—Secretary—Wage	0	6,514.00	0	6,514.00	6,326.98	0	187.02	0
Accountant—Secretary—Expense	0	1,775.00	525.00	2,300.00	1,735.43	525.00	39.57	0
Accountant—Secretary—Out-of-State Travel	0	0	50.00	50.00	50.00	0	0	0
Treasurer—Salary	0	5,125.00	0	5,125.00	5,125.00	0	0	0
Treasurer—Wage	0	8,000.00	0	8,000.00	7,435.88	0	564.12	0
Treasurer—Expense	0	2,245.00	0	2,245.00	2,241.56	0	3.44	0
Collector—Salary	0	5,445.00	0	5,445.00	5,445.00	0	0	0
Collector—Wage	0	8,500.00	0	8,500.00	7,742.17	0	757.83	0
Collector—Expense	0	3,340.00	0	3,340.00	3,336.18	0	3.82	0
Assessors—Salaries	0	2,575.00	0	2,575.00	2,575.00	0	0	0
Assessors—Wage	0	21,125.00	0	21,125.00	17,356.42	1,559.64	2,208.94	0
Assessors—Expense	0	4,000.00	1,659.54	5,659.54	4,295.74	1,000.00	363.90	363.90
Assessors—Maps	$13,000.00	0	0	13,000.00	13,000.00	0	0	0
Finance Committee	0	300.00	0	300.00	222.35	0	77.65	0
Town Clerk-Salary	0	2,560.00	0	2,560.00	2,560.00	0	0	0
Town Clerk—Wage	0	3,500.00	0	3,500.00	3,493.78	0	6.22	0
Town Clerk—Expense	0	1,675.00	0	1,675.00	1,646.23	0	28.77	0
Law Account	0	6,875.00	0	6,875.00	5,526.50	0	1,348.50	0
Special Law Account—Assessors	0	2,500.00	0	2,500.00	1,562.25	0	937.75	0
Election & Registration	0	7,290.00	0	7,290.00	7,014.61	0	275.39	0
Planning Board-Wage	0	7,500.00	0	7,500.00	5,166.43	1,500.00	833.57	0
Planning Board—Expense	0	6,474.00	4,009.32	10,483.32	5,102.96	0	5,380.36	4,200.00
Zoning By-Law Officer—Salary	0	600.00	0	600.00	600.00	0	0	0
Zoning By-Law Officer—Expense	0	375.00	0	375.00	356.82	0	18.18	0
Board of Appeals	0	225.00	100.00	325.00	319.98	0	5.02	0
Conservation Commission	0	340.00	0	340.00	215.02	0	124.98	0
Operational Soils Reports	13,123.00	0	0	13,123.00	0	0	13,123.00	13,123.00
Lake Metacomet-Aquatic Nuisance Control	831.25	0	0	831.25	0	0	831.25	0
Lawrence Memorial Hall	0	4,060.00	683.11	4,743.11	4,627.22	0	115.89	0
Lawrence Memorial Hall—Renovations	0	1,200.00	333.11	1,533.11	1,120.00	333.11	80.00	0
Town Garage	0	4,200.00	7.35	4,207.35	3,960.48	37.79	209.08	0
Old Town Hall	0	4,140.00	0	4,140.00	4,073.71	0	66.29	0

	Balance Forward 1972	Approp-riations ATM-STM	Refunds Transfers Adjustments	Amount Available for Expenditure	Expended by Warrant	Expended by Journal	Unex-pended Balance	Balance to 1975
PUBLIC SAFETY								
Police Department—Chief's Salary	0	14,657.00	0	14,657.00	14,657.00	0	0	0
Police Department—Wages	0	58,616.00	0	58,616.00	52,108.60	3,000.00	3,507.40	0
Police Department—Expense	0	18,000.00	2,000.00	20,000.00	19,342.28	0	657.72	0
Fire Department—Chief's Salary	0	900.00	0	900.00	900.00	0	0	0
Fire Department—Wage	0	3,000.00	0	5,000.00	5,000.00	0	0	0
Fire Department—Expense	0	7,110.00	800.00	7,910.00	7,772.13	0	137.87	0
Fire Truck	0	40,000.00	0	40,000.00	0	40,000.00	0	0
Hydrant Service	0	6,000.00	500.00	6,500.00	6,500.00	0	0	0
Water Storage Holes	0	300.00	0	300.00	300.00	0	0	
Wiring Inspector—Salary	0	600.00	0	600.00	600.00	0	0	0
Wiring Inspector—Expense	0	150.00	0	150.00	73.78	0	76.22	0
Sealer of Weights & Measures	0	620.00	0	620.00	619.92	0	.08	0
Dog Officer—Expense	0	625.00	500.00	1,125.00	1,116.10	0	8.90	0
Insect Pest Control—Wage	0	75.00	0	75.00	74.00	0	1.00	0
Insect Pest Control—Expense	0	1,650.00	700.00	2,350.00	2,315.40	0	34.55	0
Dutch Elm Disease—Wage	0	1,988.00	0	1,988.00	1,826.25	0	161.75	0
Dutch Elm Disease—Expense	0	1,312.00	0	1,312.00	1,308.26	0	3.74	0
Tree Warden—Wage	0	2,400.00	0	2,400.00	1,820.25	0	579.75	0
Tree Warden—Expense	0	1,200.00	300.00	1,500.00	1,298.57	0	201.43	0
Civil Defense—Salary	0	525.00	0	525.00	525.00	0	0	0
Civil Defense—Expense	0	500.00	0	500.00	445.86	0	54.14	0
HEALTH AND SANITATION								
Board of Health—Salaries	0	565.00	0	565.00	565.00	0	0	0
Board of Health—Wage	0	4,059.00	0	4,059.00	3,907.11	0	151.89	0
Board of Health—Expense	0	5,767.00	0	5,767.00	5,541.75	0	225.25	0
Sewer Commissioners—Salaries	0	975.00	0	975.00	975.00	0	0	0
Sewer Maintenance—1973	0	32,000.00	116.25	32,116.25	15,136.19	0	16,980.06	16,980.06
Sewerage Engineering—So. Belchertown	820.00	0	0	820.00	105.00	0	715.00	715.00
Town Dump	0	24,420.00	122.78	24.542.78	23,672.57	0	870.21	0
HIGHWAYS								
Superintendent's Salry	0	15,650.00	0	15,650.00	14,246.62	1,403.38	0	0
General	0	55,675.00	246.69	55,921.69	54,034.97	1,094.53	792.19	0
Sick Leave	0	3,760.00	38.00	3,798.00	2,494.00	0	1,304.00	0
Vacation Pay	0	3,133.00	0	3,133.00	2,478.40	0	654.60	0
Chapter 90 C 1972	19,213.90	0	.93	19,214.83	19,214.83	0	0	0
Chapter 90 C 1973	0	38,000.00	0	38,000.00	37,907.28	0	92.72	92.72
Chapter 90 M	0	27,000.00	297.48	27,297.48	27,297.48	0	0	0

	Balance Forward 1972	Approp- riations ATM-STM	Refunds Transfers Adjustments	Amount Available for Expenditure	Expended by Warrant	Expended by Journal	Unex- pended Balance	Balance to 1975
Chapter 81	0	32,998.00	159.47	33,157.47	33,157.47	0	0	0
Chapter 81 1974	0	32,998.00	0	32,998.00	5,593.99	0	27,404.01	27,404.01
Sidewalks	0	5,500.00	0	5,500.00	5,182.77	0	317.23	0
Streets	0	15,000.00	0	15,000.00	13,338.03	0	1,661.97	0
Bridges	0	2,000.00	0	2,000.00	2,000.00	0	0	0
Snow Removal	0	65,000.00	595.86	65,595.86	43,235.73	0	22,360.13	0
Winter Employment	0	0	1,168.37	1,168.37	1,168.37	0	0	0
Road Machinery Expense	0	19,500.00	59.32	19,559.32	19,027.97	91.88	439.47	0
Street Lighting	0	17,000.00	0	17,000.00	15,361.26	0	1,638.74	0
Pickup Truck	0	3,400.00	0	3,400.00	3,218.19	0	181.81	181.81
Jackson Street Railroad Crossing	0	1,740.00	34,800.00	36,540.00	19,060.25	17,400.00	79.75	79.75
Hamilton Street Railroad Crossing	0	1,260.00	23,140.00	24,400.00	12,064.87	11,075.13	1,260.00	0
Bardwell Street Railroad Crossing	0	1,600.00	0	1,600.00	0	0	1,600.00	1,600.00
Three Rivers Road Underpass	0	4,000.00	0	4,000.00	423.25	0	3,576.75	3,576.75
VETERANS' SERVICES								
Veterans' Agent—Salary	0	1,518.00	0	1,518.00	1,518.00	0	0	0
Veterans' Agent-Expense	0	1,050.00	0	1,050.00	841.84	0	208.16	0
Veterans' Benefits	0	40,000.00	26.40	40,026.40	18,548.57	0	21,477.83	0
SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES								
School Department—#1000	0	52,648.00	250.00	52,898.00	52,469.47	378.53	50.00	0
School Department—#1000 Out-of-State Travel	0	400.00	0	400.00	400.00	0	0	0
School Department—#2000	0	1,222,363.00	13,245.34	1,235,608.34	1,235,344.38	100.00	163.96	0
School Department—#2000 Out-of-State Travel	0	400.00	0	400.00	342.25	0	57.65	0
School Department—#3000	0	250,680.00	178.53	250,858.53	226,721.91	24,054.53	82.09	0
School Department—#4000	0	238,938.00	38,687.03	277,625.03	268,616.80	109.00	8,899.23	8,899.23
School Department—#9000	0	72,754.00	218.06	72,972.06	46,472.06	26,500.00	0	0
School Traffic Signals & Signs	0	11,700.00	0	11,700.00	7,590.00	0	4,110.00	0
Pathfinder—Operating & Maintenance	0	135,063.82	0	135,063.82	135,063.82	0	0	0
Pathfinder—Capital	0	56,136.01	0	56,136.01	56,136.01	0	0	0
Clapp Memorial Library—Wage	0	8,580.00	0	8,580.00	8,125.28	0	454.72	0
Clapp Memorial Library—Expense	0	5,142.00	1,249.80	6,391.80	6,391.33	0	.47	0
RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED								
Parks, Beach, Recreation—Wage	0	7,108.00	0	7,108.00	6,024.25	700.00	383.75	0
Parks, Beach, Recreation—Expense	0	3,168.00	0	3,168.00	3,098.62	8.43	60.95	0
Unclassified Account	0	1,995.00	500.00	2,495.00	2,367.19	0	127.81	0
Group Life Insurance—Town Appropriation	0	1,550.00	17.22	1,567.22	1,451.40	3.36	112.46	0
Blue Cross-Blue Shield—Town Appropriation	0	27,793.00	232.81	28,025.81	25,435.31	63.63	2,526.87	0
Pensions—Town Appropriation	0	28,710.00	0	28,710.00	28,709.25	0	.75	0

	Balance Forward 1972	Approp- riations ATM-STM	Refunds Transfers Adjustments	Amount Available for Expenditure	Expended by Warrant	Expended by Journal	Unex- pended Balance	Balance to 1975
Printing Town Report	0	5,000.00	0	5,000.00	3,858.00	0	1,142.00	0
Insurance Account	0	42,809.00	552.00	43,361.00	42,628.30	0	732.70	0
Unpaid Bills of 1972	0	1,996.10	0	1,996.10	1,996.10	0	0	0
Town Clock	0	300.00	0	300.00	300.00	0	0	0
Patriotic Exercises	0	400.00	0	400.00	165.35	0	234.65	0
Rental of American Legion	0	450.00	0	450.00	450.00	0	0	0
Town Common	0	2,070.00	0	2,070.00	1,255.55	0	814.45	315.00
Reserve Fund	0	20,000.00	0	20,000.00	0	8,284.04	11,715.96	0
Purchase of Land for Cemetery Purpose	1.00	0	0	1.00	0	0	1.00	1.00
Cemetery Commissioners—Salaries	0	900.00	0	900.00	900.00	0	0	0
Cemetery Commissioners—Wage	0	1,800.00	0	1,800.00	1,404.00	0	396.00	0
Cemetery Commissioners—Expense	0	9,510.00	796.00	10,306.00	10,306.00	0	0	0
Veteran's Graves	0	300.00	0	300.00	299.80	0	.20	0
Interest	0	37,883.00	96.92	37,979.92	27,266.08	0	10,713.84	0
Maturing Debt	0	46,000.00	0	46,000.00	46,000.00	0	0	0
	$46,989.15	$3,054,808.93	$130,892.69	$3,232,780.77	$2,913,716.92	$139,221.98	$179,841.87	$77,532.23

Report of the Tax and Town Collector

1970 Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 1/1/73		19.20
Outstanding 6/30/74	19.20	
	19.20	19.20

1971 Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 1/1/73		$6412.53
Refunded		288.00
Abated	$288.00	
Tax Title	2208.00	
Collected	4185.33	
Outstanding 6/30/74	19.20	
	6700.53	6700.53

1972 Real Estate Taxes

Outstanding 1/1/73		57934.11
Refunded		175.00
Abated	175.00	
Tax Title	3431.60	
Collected	52582.61	
Outstanding 6/30/74	1919.90	
	58109.11	58109.11

1973 Real Estate Taxes

Committed for collection		1108170.93
Refunded		7203.12
Abated	43835.97	
Tax Title	2613.20	
Collected	1058129.05	
Outstanding 6/30/74	10795.83	
	1115374.05	1115374.05

1974 Real Estate Taxes

Committed for collection		562430.77
Refunded		6407.10
Abated	20093.12	
Collected	503779.92	
Outstanding 6/30/74	44964.83	
	568837.87	568837.87

1969 Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding 1/1/73		$312.80
Outstanding 6/30/74	312.80	
	312.80	312.80

1970 Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding 1/1/73		374.40
Collected	7.20	
Outstanding 6/30/74	367.20	
	374.40	374.40

1971 Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding 1/1/73		2930.40
Collected	2215.20	
Outstanding 6/30/74	715.20	
	2930.40	2930.40

1972 Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding 1/1/73		6193.90
Abated	759.00	
Collected	4820.80	
Outstanding 6/30/74	614.10	
	6193.90	6193.90

1973 Personal Property Taxes

Committed for collection		91236.40
Abated	935.30	
Collected	89135.42	
Outstanding 6/30/74	1165.68	
	91236.40	91236.40

1974 Personal Property Taxes

Committed for collection		44529.76
Refunded		28.60
Abated	467.50	
Collected	40417.96	
Outstanding 6/30/74	3672.90	
	44558.36	44558.36

1972 Farm Animal Excises

Outstanding 1/1/73		89.00
Collected	89.00	
Outstanding 6/30/74	0	
	89.00	89.00

1973 Farm Animal Excises

Committed for collection		1269.20
Collected	1269.20	
Outstanding 6/30/74	0	
	1269.20	1269.20

1974 Farm Animal Excises

Committed for collection		1488.27
Collected	703.75	
Outstanding 6/30/74	784.52	
	1488.27	1488.27

1969 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 1/1/73		1148.78
Abated	376.76	
Outstanding 6/30/74	772.02	
	1148.78	1148.78

1970 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 1/1/73		3229.17
Abated	124.10	
Collected	275.56	
Outstanding 6/30/74	2829.51	
	3229.17	3229.17

1971 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 1/1/73		7029.40
Refunded		16.50
Abated	751.58	
Collected	942.33	
Outstanding 6/30/74	5351.99	
	7045.90	7045.90

1972 Motor Vehicle Excises

Outstanding 1/1/73		$20041.80
Committed for collection		52359.12
Refunded		1991.45
To be refunded		7.90
Abated	9830.61	
Collected	56977.94	
Outstanding 6/30/74	7591.72	
	74400.27	74400.27

1973 Motor Vehicle Excises

Committed for collection		150767.62
Refunded		4051.19
Abated	21343.64	
Collected	123652.50	
Outstanding 6/30/74	9822.67	
	154818.81	154818.81

1974 Motor Vehicle Excises

Committed for collection		46175.06
Refunded		58.57
Abated	1020.83	
Collected	7954.20	
Outstanding 6/30/74	37258.60	
	46233.63	46233.63

1971 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 1/1/73		42.81
Collected as Lien on 1972 R. Estate	42.81	
Outstanding 6/30/74	0	
	42.81	42.81

1972 Sewer Charges

Outstanding 1/1/73		866.70
To Be Refunded		13.84
Collected as Liens on 1973 R. Estate	858.78	
Outstanding 6/30/74	21.76	
	880.54	880.54

1973 Sewer Charges

Committed for collection		8227.88
Refunded		129.85
Abated	14.52	
Collected	8072.53	
Collected as Liens on 1974 R. Estate	159.37	
Outstanding 6/30/74	111.31	
	8357.73	8357.73

Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable

Outstanding 1/1/73		391.50
Committed for collection		5586.10
Collected	5186.50	
Outstanding 6/30/74	791.10	
	5977.60	5977.60

Total Collections During 1973 & Jan.-June, 1974

Taxes, Excises, Liens	$1,956,271.46
Miscellaneous Accounts	5186.50
Fees (Warrant and Demand)	1,828.00
Interest on all Taxes, Excises & Liens	5,355.27
	$1,968,641.23
Paid to Town Treasurer	$1,968,641.23

Respectfully submitted,
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Tax & Town Collector

Town Clerk's Report

Statistics

Births

Place	Boys	Girls
Holyoke	4	9
Northampton	17	13
Ware	7	7
Springfield	11	6
Montague	4	4
Belchertown		1
Westfield		1
Boston		1
	43	42

Total Births Recorded in Belchertown— 85

Marriages

	Male	Female
Resident	51	45
Non-Resident	17	23
	68	68

Married at:	No.
Belchertown	32
Out of Town	36
	68

Deaths

Recorded in Belchertown—46
Males 28, Females 18
Resident 37, Non-Resident 9

Place of Death	No.
Belchertown	13
Ware	9
Springfield	4
Northampton	8
Holyoke	2
Palmer	2
Sunderland	1
Harvard	1
Amherst	2
Boston	1
Ludlow	1
Cambridge	1
Chicopee	1
	46

Respectfully submitted,
Carl J. Peterson, Jr., Town Clerk

Financial

Receipts	Amount	No. Items
Sporting Licenses (Gross)	$6,749.90	795
Dog Licenses (Gross)	3,570.75	937
B-M-D Certified Copies	246.00	246
M-B-D Abstract Copies	.50	1
Marriage Intentions	264.00	66
U.C.C. & Terminations	395.00	106
Sale of Zoning Maps & By-Laws	75.50	98
Federal Liens	39.00	13
Pole Location Orders	96.00	24
Registration to Store Fuel	12.00	24
Registration & Discontinuance of Business	9.00	9
Sale of Subdivisions	6.50	10
Search and/or Copy of Records	2.00	2
Raffles & Bazaars	80.00	8
Postage & Miscellaneous	2.71	10
	$11,548.86	2349

Payments to:	
Division of Fisheries & Game	$6,573.75
County of Hampshire	3,243.85
Town of Belchertown	1,731.26
	$11,548.86

Respectfully submitted,
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

Dog Officer Report

This is a report of what my son and I have been doing in 1974. This report does not include the many phone calls and extra time we put into this job.

Strays	206
Investigations	51
Dogs hit by cars	28
Found Owners	51
Owners Fined	53

The fine on stray dogs has helped in some cases.

Wallace Chevalier
Dog Officer

Persons Drawn for Jury Service During 1974

Name	**Address**	**Date Drawn**	**Jury Service**
Samborski, Eva A.	Ware Road	January 2, 1974	Grand Juror
Locke, Milton R.	Old Enfield Road	January 2, 1974	Traverse Juror
Kosiba, Frank J.	Federal Street	January 21, 1974	Traverse Juror
Schmidt, Eleanor L.	Ware Road	February 25, 1974	Traverse Juror
Reynolds, Donella E.	Jackson Street	April 15, 1974	Traverse Juror
Bonafini, James A., Sr.	Franklin Street	July 29, 1974	Traverse Juror
(Following jurors drawn from 1974-1975 List)			
Horr, Leon Jr.	Ware Road	August 26, 1974	Traverse Juror
Hislop, Virginia M.	North Washington St.	September 23, 1974	Traverse Juror
Ducharme, Conrad L.	East Walnut St.	October 29, 1974	Traverse Juror
Davenport, Arthur	East Street	December 2, 1974	Traverse Juror
Digris, Benedict C.	Mill Valley Rd.	December 2, 1974	Traverse Juror
Labrecque, Doris Lionel	Jackson St.	December 2, 1974	Traverse Juror
Tremaine, Gerald G.	Maple St.	December 2, 1974	Traverse Juror
Anderson, Robert G.	Rockrimmon St.	December 2, 1974	Traverse Juror
Hussey, Julian H.	Jabish St.	December 2, 1974	Traverse Juror
White, Charles W.	Kimball St.	December 2, 1974	Traverse Juror
Zimmerman, Carl J.	Federal St.	December 2, 1974	Traverse Juror
Rivers, Robert R.	Mill Valley Rd.	December 30, 1974	Traverse Juror
Soja, Theodore	George Hannum Rd.	December 30, 1974	Traverse Juror
Stumpf, George J.	Underwood St.	December 30, 1974	Grand Juror

Jury List 1974-1975

Adzima, Peter J., Ludlow Street	Self-employed, Farmer
Anderson, Robert G., Rockrimmon Street	Heavy Equip. Oper., Donald Grant, Norfolk Avenue, Northampton, Ma.
Archambault, Marcel F., State Street	Plant Supervisor, Truss Engineering Corp., 319 Parker St., Springfield, Ma.
Britt, Donald W., Wilson Road	Janitor, Amherst College, Amherst, Ma.
Bronner, Emile J., Hamilton Street	Manager, V.F.W. Post 8428, Inc., Belchertown, Ma.
Cutting, Herbert F., Federal Street	Retired, Material Handler, Van Norman Machine Co. 3640 Main St., Springfield, Ma.
Dandelske, Harold O., Old Bay Road	Maintenance Supervisor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Ma.
Davenport, Arthur, East Street	Real Estate Manager, Charter Management Assoc. Inc., Amherst, Ma.
Dexter, Richard H., Warren Wright Street	Stockman & Truck Driver, Amherst College, College St., Amherst, Ma.
Digris, Benedict C., Mill Valley Road	Construction, N.J. Sanford & Co., 130 Maple St., Springfield, Ma.
Dreist, Henry A., Jr., Warren Wright Street	Cook, Amherst College, Amherst, Ma.
Ducharme, Conrad L., East Walnut Street	Supervisor, Zero Manufacturing Co., Monson, Ma.
Fish, Arthur R., Sr., Ludlow Street	Air Conditioner & Refrigeration Mechanic U.S. Government, Westover A.F.B. Chicopee, Ma.
Fournier, David E., III, Bay Road	Self-employed, Bay Path Farm, Belchertown, Ma.
Fuller, Thomas H., Jensen Road	Self-employed, Carpenter
Garvan, John J., Jr., River Street	Lab Technician, The Moore Co., Bernie Avenue, Springfield, Ma.

Gentile, Louis A., Warren Wright Street	Metrologist, AMDAC Inc., American Bosch Div., Main St., Springfield, Ma.
Gingras, Edmond M., State Street	Mechanic, Monsanto Co., Indian Orchard, Ma.
Holt, Clifford E., River Street	Self-employed, Storeowner, Junction Variety Store, Thorndike, Ma.
Horr, Leon, Jr., Ware Road	Custodian, Belchertown Public School, Belchertown, Ma.
Hulmes, Jack, Jr., Old Enfield Road	Self-employed, Contractor, Hulmes Assoc. Old Enfield Road, Belchertown, Ma.
Hussey, Julian H., Jabish Street	Retired, Self-employed, Carpenter
Janisieski, Alexander F., Jr., North Street	Boiler Operator, Cooley Dickinson Hospital, Northampton, Ma.
Keller, Fredrick, Franklin Street	Retired, Mechanic, UniRoyal Tire Co., Chicopee Falls, Ma.
Ketchen, G. Parker, South Main Street	Vice President, Ketchen Deep-Hole Drilling Co., 9 Mechanic St., Ware, Ma.
King, Roy H., Sr., North Washington Street	Store Clerk & Manager, Frozen Foods Dept. Gula's Supermarket, Palmer, Ma.
Kopac, David F., Fletcher Avenue	Group Leader, Clifford G. Brockmyre, 74 Randall Place, Springfield, Ma.
Labrecque, Doris Lionel, Jackson Street	Salesman, Town & Country Real Estate, 79 South Pleasant Street, Amherst, Ma.
Leja, Frank R., State Street	Designer, General Instrument Corp., 165 Front Street, Chicopee, Ma.
Martin, Robert B., Amherst Road	Heavy Equip. Oper., Otto Papparazzo Assoc., Belchertown Rd., Amherst, Ma.
McQuillan, Robert E., Jr., Old Enfield Road	Elevator Constructor, Valley Elevator Co., Harkness Road, Amherst, Ma.
Meaux, Hyman A., Amherst Road	Optical-Mechanical Assembler, Kollmorgen Corp., Northampton, Mass.
Plant, Harvey R., Allen Road	Plant Helper, D.D. Ruxton Sand & Gravel North Amherst, Ma.
Rivers, Robert R., Mill Valley Road	Salesman, Valley Ford & Mercury Sales, 96 West Street, Ware, Ma.
Rock, Stephen, Old Bay Road	Carpenter, Schroeder Construction Co., Fall River, Ma.
Searle, Richard D., Amherst Road	Self-employed, Painting Contractor, Amherst, Ma.
Skribiski, William E., Warren Wright Street	Truck Driver, Town of Amherst D.P.W., South Pleasant Street, Amherst, Ma.
Soja, Theodore, George Hannum Road	Bench Inspector, Moore Drop Forging Co. Walter Street, Springfield, Ma.
Stumpf, George J., Underwood Street	Chief Engineer, Pratek Assoc., 460 West Street, Amherst, Ma.
Symmes, Lowell B., 181 Bay Road	Grad Student, University of Mass., Amherst, Ma.
Towne, Donald, Sargent Street	Self-employed, Garageowner, Don's Auto Service, Sargent St., Belchertown, Ma.
Tremaine, Gerald G., Maple Street	Employment Counsellor, Div. of Employment Security, Boston, Ma.
Valliere, Rodriques, III, Mill Valley Road	Senior Technician, Scott Graphics, Inc., Gaylord Street, South Hadley, Ma.
Viens, Gerald J., Metacomet Street	Stock Clerk, Choquettes Market, Main St. Belchertown, Ma.
Viens, Leo J., Bay Road	Forger's Helper, Storms Drop Forge 70 Storms Court, Springfield, Ma.
Wegiel, William F., Federal Street	Recreation Therapist, Belchertown State School, Belchertown. Mass.

Alger, Mary G., Johnson Road	Housewife (Alger, Ronald F.) Self-employed builder
Collis, Janice G., Main Street	Sr. Clerk & Typist, M.D.C., 20 Somerset St., Boston, Ma. (Collis, John A.) Printer, Hamilton I. Newell, University Dr., Amherst, Ma.
Dupuis, Jeanne, South Washington St.	Homemaker (Dupuis, Omer) Stock Expeditor, Monsanto Co., Indian Orchard, Ma.
Fitts, Shirley M., Federal Street	Lab Technician, Ludlow Corp, 111 Mosher St., Holyoke, Mass.
Hislop, Virginia M., North Washington Street	Housewife & Substitute Postal Clerk, U.S. Post Office, Belchertown, Ma. (Hislop, Irving R) Shift Superintendent, Monsanto Chem. Co., Indian Orchard, Ma.
Horta, Marion G., Granby Road	Attendant, Belchertown State School, Belchertown, Ma. (Horta, Ramon) Tire builder, UniRoyal Tire Co., Chicopee Falls, Ma.
Howard, Holly A., Jackson Street	Student, University of Mass., Amherst and part-time sales clerk, Butler & Ullman Florist, Russell St., Hadley, Ma.
Leavitt, Betty, Jackson Street	Housewife (Leavitt, Donald) Retired
Nulman, Roseann, South Main Street	Sales Cler, Print Works Mill Store Inc., Maple Street, Belchertown, Ma. (Nulman, Saul) Owner, textiles, Print Works Mill Store Inc., (Maple St., Belchertown, Ma) 295 Fifth Avenue, New York City, M.Y.
Pero, Sophia M., Mill Valley Road	Retired, School Teacher, Belchertown Public Schools, Belchertown, Ma. Widow
Reed, Anna J., Gold Street	Machinist, Quabbin Industries, Randall Place, Springfield, Ma. (Reed, John H.) Retired

Tree Warden & Supt. of Insect Pest Control

I hereby submit my report for 1974 as Tree Warden and Superintendent of Insect Pest Control.

Tree Warden—During the year, 22 trees were cut down and hauled away. Under "The Tree Planting Program," we planted fifteen Rock Maple trees.

Dutch Elm Disease—Twenty-nine tested and condemned trees were cut down and destroyed.

Inspect Pect Control—Elm trees were sprayed twice with methoxychlor, to combat the spread of Dutch Elm Disease. A very extensive program of spraying road side trees for Gypsy Moth, was carried out this year. Some areas in the northern parts of town had new (very serious) outbreaks of Gypsy Moth during the spring.

Respectfully submitted,
Albert W. Brown

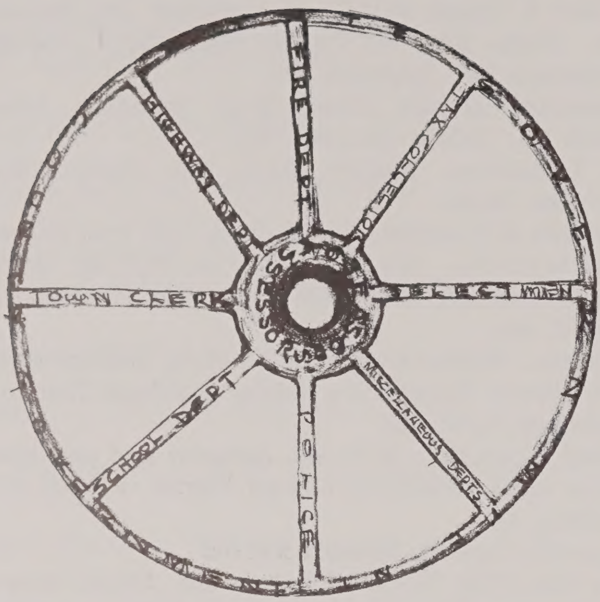
Sewer Commission

The aim of the sewer commissioners is to give to the people of Belchertown an adequate and dependable sewer system, to do this in 1974 our regular maintenance consisted of repair to both our sewer meters, the clearing of brush from all our sewer right of ways, the checking and cleaning of all sewer manholes and the repair of those in need of such care.

This year we added four new connections due to new homes being built.

Again in 1974 as in the past three years, with the service of The Penetryn Systems Inc. of Nashua, New Hampshire we surveyed, cleaned and sealed 3670 ft. of sewer line to prevent the infiltration of water into the sewer system which is a serious problem.

Respectfully submitted,
H. Brougham
P. Atwood
P. Whittaker



Assessors' Report

THE WHEEL OF TOWN GOVERNMENT

Please read this Assessors' Report and study it in detail. It indicates the tremendous upward pressure on our Town and points up the need for the court-ordered revaluation. Apply the statistics, which we have compiled, to make an honest appraisal of the approximate worth of your property today. If you don't understand any part of this report, call the Assessors' Office and ask for clarification.

The wheel of Town Government depicts the Assessors' function in its proper perspective—at the center, or the hub, of the wheel, and, by the nature of its construction, everything radiates outward from the center. The outer portion of the wheel holds all of the internal parts together and is intended to convey the idea that all local functions are watched over, dictated to, and controlled in varying degrees by the State and County government. The pressure is inward until it reaches the center which is not an enviable position to be in.

It is the Assessors' duty to raise the necessary funds to support local and County government, and also defray the cost of some of the services performed by the State.

Since none of the various Town functions can operate without funds, the Assessors' function then becomes the single most important of all Town government functions.

Figuratively speaking, the Assessors must reach out into the pockets of every property owner to obtain the funds needed to operate the various Town functions. Yet, important as the function is, the tendency is to understaff, under-equip, under-budget and under-pay those associated with the assessing function. Moreover, Assessors are usually assigned space in the cellar, a machine room or some other out-of-the-way place. These were the observations made by an executive of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, which is a non-profit organization specializing in land use policy and taxation. Think about it! Compare the findings of the Lincoln Institute with the situation confronting your local Assessors. If you are honest about it, you'll have to agree that the representative from the Lincoln Institute has "hit the nail on the head."

We are trying our level best to upgrade the quality and the timeliness of the services offered and at the same time increase the professional stature of the whole assessment procedure. We are also trying to be more responsive to your needs and to the demands levied on us by the Department of Corporations and Taxation and the Supreme Court. In this respect, we ask for your support to help overcome the resistance to progress which would relegate the assessing function to the "cellar hole concept" described above.

As we predicted, in our 1973 interim report, Sudbury won its case against the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation for not enforcing the law which requires assessing all property at full and fair cash value. At the present time only the City of Brockton and the Town of Chatham meet the requirement of assessing at full and fair cash value. They are the only ones at a true 100% of the State's current equalized value.

In our case, various publications show that Belchertown is assessing at 58% of the State's equalized value. However, our studies show that our assessed value is really only 49% of the market value of the property which changed hands during the two-year period 1973-1974. In other words, the **total assessed value** of all of the property sold during the past two years **amounted to $4,116,930.00** as compared to the **total selling price of $8,381,832.00.** This in itself points up the need for a complete revaluation.

Our studies also show that although homes depreciate in value, they also appreciate in value. The sales during 1973 and 1974 indicate that homes have increased in value by 58%.

Analysis of Property Transfers 1973-1974

1. **Number of Transfers—646**

a. Family deals, releases and corrective deeds	233
b. Undeveloped building lots (total 70 acres)	67
c. Large parcels (over 2 acres) land (total 939 acres)	68
d. Land with homes on it (total of 1,007 acres)	278
TOTAL NUMBER OF TRANSFERS IN 2 YEARS	646

2. **Item**	**Assessed Value**	**Selling Price**	**% of Selling Price**	
a. Undeveloped building lots (70 acres)	$25,600.	$267,025.	$3,800/acre	9.6%
b. Land (plots over 2 acres) 939 acres	150,625.	773,150.	823/acre	19.5%
c. Land with homes on it—278 parcels 1,007 acres land	3,942,805.	7,341,657		53.7%
TOTAL OF VALID SALES		$8,381,832		

The sale price represents 403 arms-length (valid) sales where there was no compulsion to sell and no compulsion to buy. The 8.3 million dollars is market value. Undeveloped building lots sold for an average of $3,800.00 per acre, while large parcels of land sold for an average of $823.00 per acre.

3. **Breakdown of Item 2 c. above**

Item	**Assessed Value**	**Estimated Selling Price**	**% of Selling Price**
Buildings only (278 homes)	$3,596.000.	$5,685.290.	63.2%
278 building lots	273,905.	1,056,400.	25.9%
Excess land—1,007 a. - 278 a. - 729 a.	72,900.	599,967.	12.1%
TOTAL SALE PRICE		$7,341,657.	

The figures above clearly spell out the need for a complete revaluation and the need for redistributing the tax burden.

The sales also point out that the $100.00 valuation for excess land is only 12% of the market value while undeveloped building lots are approximately 10% of the market value. Developed building lots are being assessed at 26% of the market value.

With the tremendous increase in the value of the real property (double the assessed valuation) and the continual narrowing of the tax base, it becomes imperative that the tax burden be distributed as equitably as possible. The only way this can be accomplished is through a complete revaluation by a profession revaluation company.

Now that the Supreme Court has ordered all cities and towns to assess at full and fair cash value, we as Assessors have no choice but to carry out the court order by setting the wheels in motion for a complete revaluation. As your representatives, our best judgment dictates that we advise you, the taxpaper, to support revaluation now. No longer can we sign the valuation book certifying that the valuations are at full and fair cash value without laying ourselves wide open to prosecution for perjury.

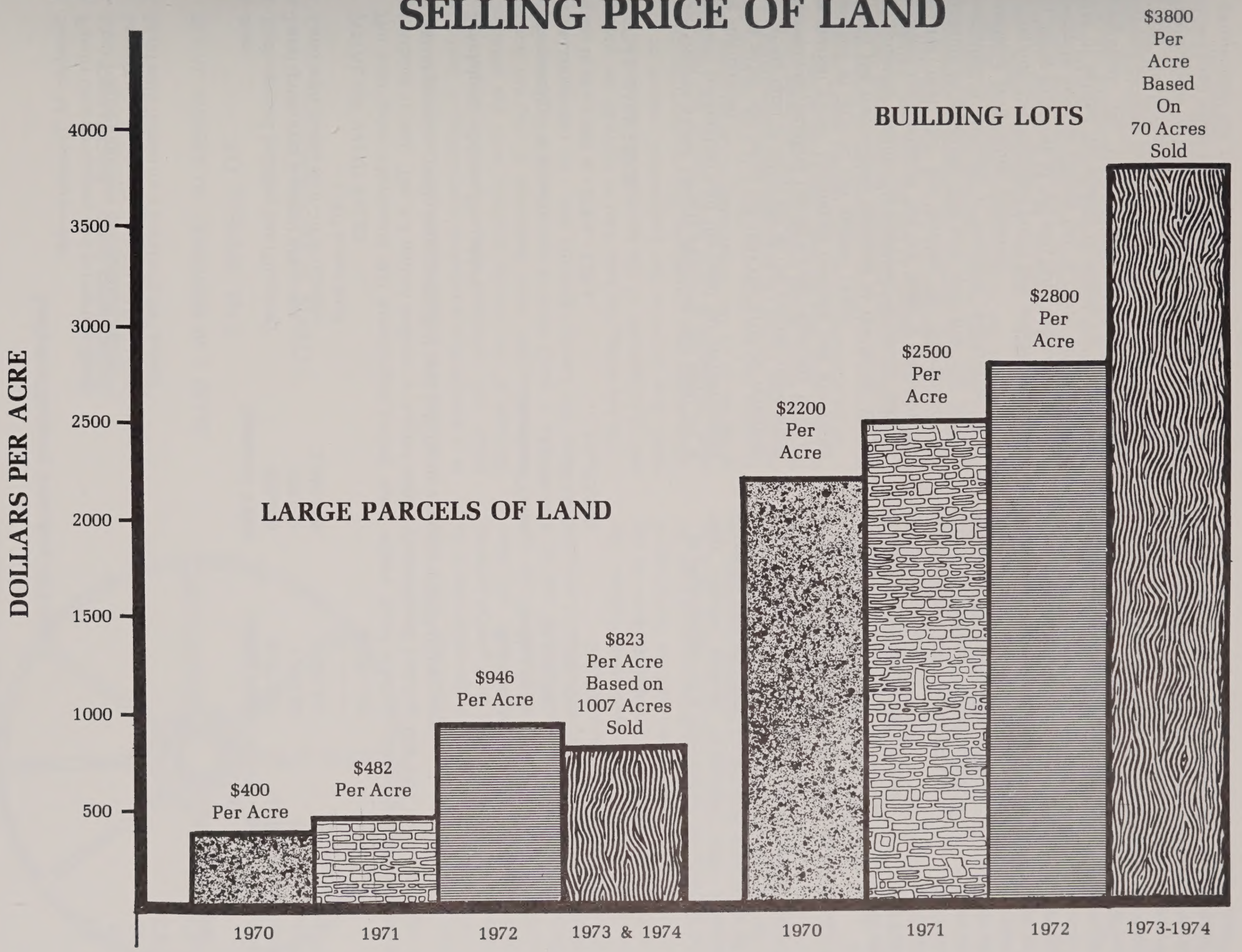
In anticipation of a full-fledged revaluation in the near future, several taxpayers with substantial acreages who qualified have taken advantage of the tax shelters provided by law under Chaper 61 and 61A—classified forest land and agricultural/horticultural land respectively.

Our records reflect that at the present time, tax shelters include the following acreages:

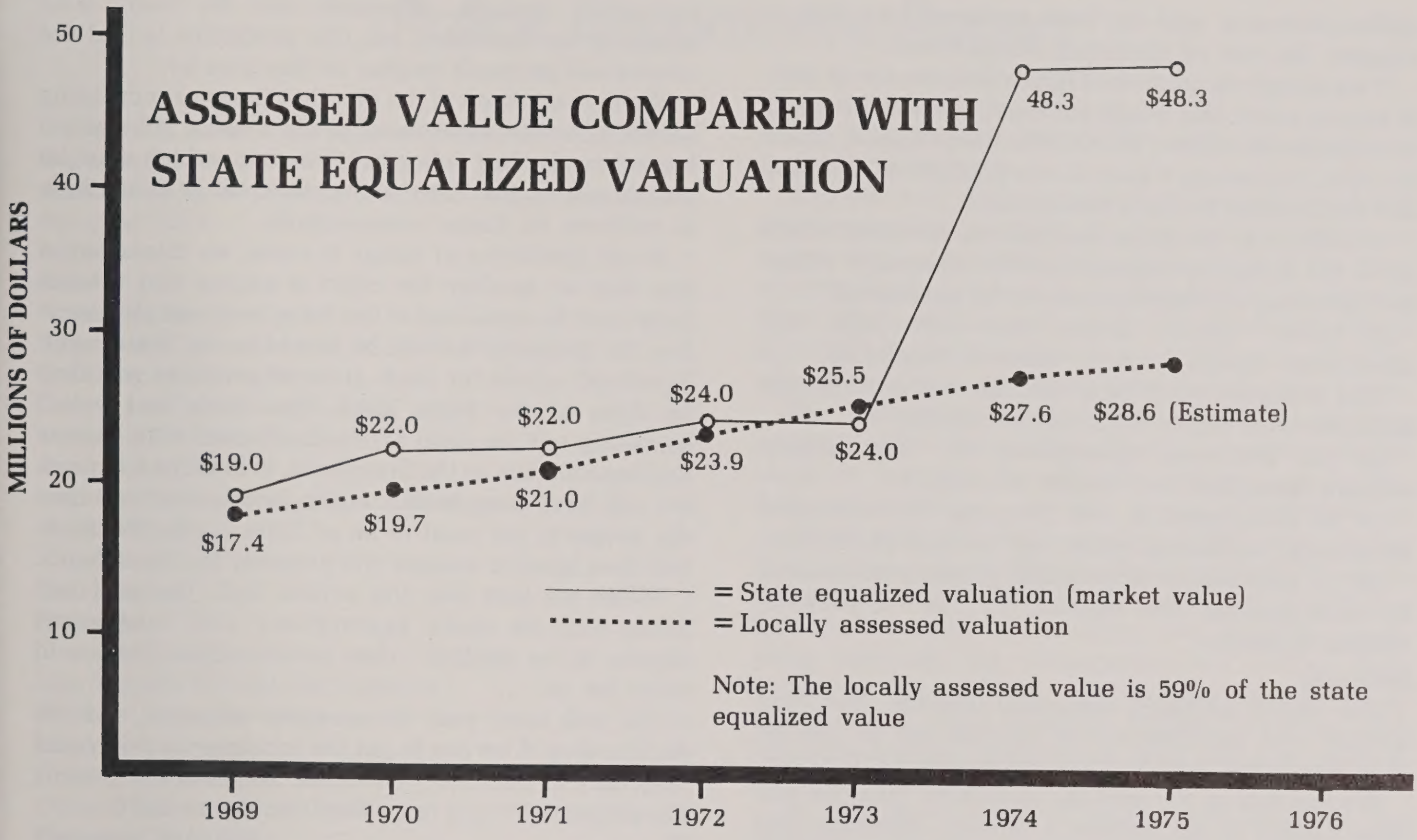
Agricultural/horticultural land—22 parcels	701 acres
Classified forest land—57 parcels	2,171 acres
State-owned land	2,107 acres
M.D.C.-owned land-water supply	3,108 acres
City of Springfield—water supply	366 acres
Town of Amherst—water supply	51 acres
Town of Bondsville—water supply	18 acres
Churches & Historical Society	79 acres
Town of Belchertown	269 acres
Total All Tax Shelter Property	8,870 acres

With additional new applications seeking tax relief through the general laws, we anticipate that during the coming year the total of all tax shelter property will exceed 10,000 acres. To us, this is a staggering amount because when we convert this into dollar value, it means that at the current market value, over 8.0

SELLING PRICE OF LAND



Note: The values per acre reflect average selling price per acre based on sales data and **does not** include family transactions or forced sales.

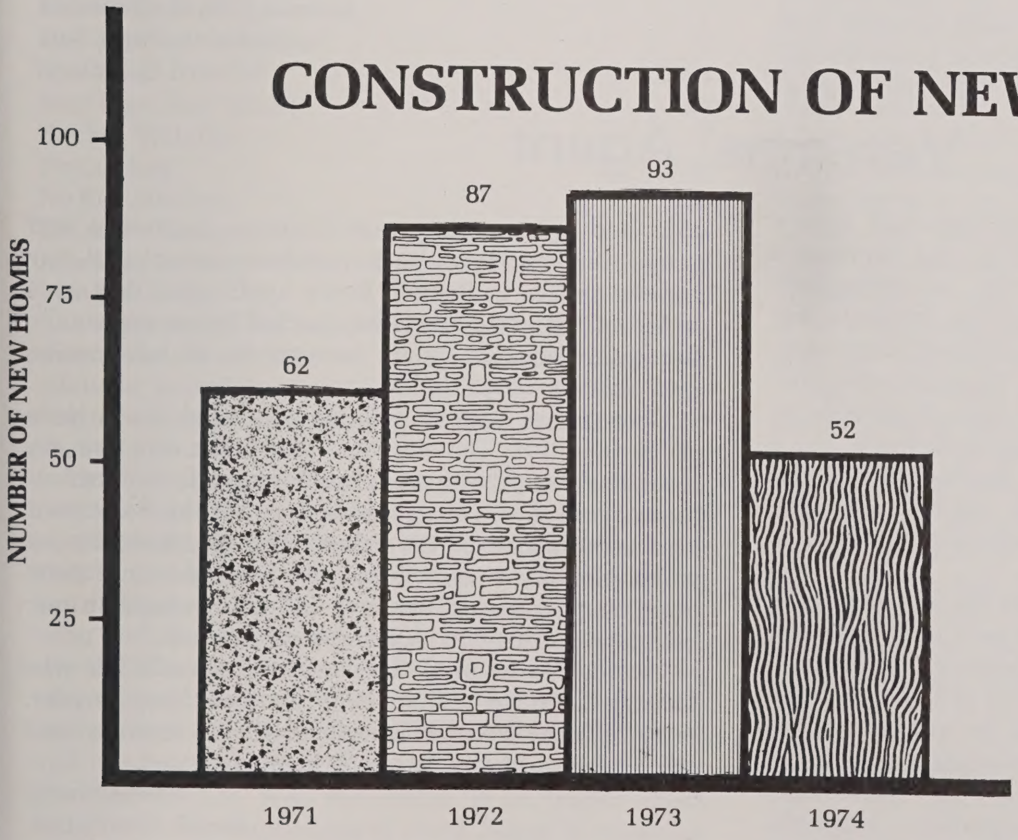


ASSESSED VALUE COMPARED WITH STATE EQUALIZED VALUATION

——— = State equalized valuation (market value)

•••••••••• = Locally assessed valuation

Note: The locally assessed value is 59% of the state equalized value



CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOMES

The significance of this chart is that 52 new homes were constructed in Belchertown when interest rates were at their peak and mortgage money was difficult to get.

million dollars of your tax base produces very little to support the cost of operating Belchertown.

If we accept the published figure that we are at 58% of market value, this would put the tax shelter property at an assessed value of $4,640,000. Based on last year's tax rate, this means a loss of over $200,000.00 in taxes and an impact of $7.00 on the tax rate!

In addition to the heavy and tedious workload which all of the foregoing imposes on the Assessors' office, the following abatements had to be processed:

(1) Motor Vehicle Excise tax—4,781 bills. 522 abatements totaling a cash value of $16,991.08.

This indicates that 11% of the bills send out from the Registry were either incorrect or invalid.

(2) 159 Statutory Exemptions for the elderly, widows, veterans, etc. totaled $41,018.24.

(3) 55 abatements on real property for removal of structures, equalizing value, etc. totaled $5,645.82.

(4) 15 abatements on personal property occasioned by incorporating and disposal or sale of property totaled $2,554.20.

Summary

Our report, although somewhat detailed, has been written with the objective of pointing out to you the ever-increasing importance of the Assessors' function.

We feel that in the past the Assessors' function has been viewed in too narrow a concept. Attention has been focused on the failures of the appraisal or valuation system rather than on a much broader view of the needs associated with the function, progress and improvements made, the complexity, the volume, ever-increasing controls, pressures and the many laws affecting the Assessors' job. Our prediction is that the course will get much tougher as time goes by.

We are cognizant of the fact that the ever-increasing workload in the assessment process has a substantial impact on the Tax Collector's function, which must be recognized by the Town if that function is to continue to perform its duties commendably.

In our prediction of things to come, we think that in one way or another the court is saying that the tax base must be equalized at the State level and that some day the property tax will be moved to the State level! Equalized values for each piece of property will then be done at the State level. The "nuts and bolts" assessing will be done at the local level with review and equalization at the State level. When this happens, we will have completed a circle, because at one time the property tax used to be at State level. The State will then have to assume the property tax for schools.

When we look into the crystal ball, the past two years with its many aggravations and frustrations appear to be minimal when compared to what is in store for us.

We will need your cooperation, patience and understanding if we are to get the job done as fairly and equitably as possible. Remember, we don't like levying the property tax any more than you like paying it.

Board of Assessors
Samuel J. Joyal, Chairman
Walter L. Papp, Sec.
Edward O. Lofland

Veterans' Agent

The Veteran's Department of this town had a very busy year in 1974. Our work load has increased tremendously mostly due to the unemployment situation and long delays that Veteran students are experiencing in receiving their educational allotments. We have processed approximately 65 applications for various reasons this year. We now have 16 persons on our rolls with some coming and going each week.

We have been fortunate in having the Social Security Supplement Income Law, which came into effect in July of 1974. This has released several of our older recepients from our rolls.

It has been necessary to increase the working hours of both Veteran's Agent and the part-time assistant Clerk. My scheduled hours are Tuesday night from 7 pm to 9 pm. I have been opening the office at 5:30 pm on most Tuesday nights until 9:30 pm and sometimes later if necessary. I have been working 8-9 hours at home during the week. My secretary has spent many hours checking with Boston, employers, hospitals, physicians and answering many questions from Veterans that can't get to my office on Tuesday. She also has to send out wage reports, diagnostic and prognostic reports and is in constant contact with our representative in Boston. Every application that goes out from this office has to be checked by me personally for authenticity of need, correctness of information and various other details.

Once again I must mention the need for private office facilities. The persons who come into see me must have a private and uninterrupted conference. Many times this is not possible because the Selectmen also require use of the office. This is especially so when Monday is a holiday, the Selectmen postpone their meeting until Tuesday, and this results in our both trying to use the office at the same time.

I would like to thank the various Town officials who have assisted me in one way or another this past year, especially the Board of Selectmen, their Secretary, and the Trustees of the Susan Bridgeman Fund.

Respectively,
Earl F. Henrichon,
Veteran's Agent

Police Department Report

I hereby submit my annual report for the Police Department for 1974. Following are listed the offenses prosecuted in the District Court of Northampton during the year 1974.

Murder	1
Rape	3
Armed Robbery	1
Aggravated Assault (with dangerous weapon)	7
Breaking and Entering	4
Larceny—Theft (except auto)	12
Use of Car Without Authority	6
Assault and Battery	13
Leaving Scene of Property Accident	7
Stolen Property	1
Vandalism	3
Trespassing	2
Firearms	4
Narcotic Violations	19
Non Support of Wife and Children	1
Driving Under the Influence	25
Disorderly Conduct	14
Driving to Endanger	43
Other Offenses except Traffic	73
Fish and Game Laws	30
False Report of Explosives	1
Non Payment of Wages	2
Speeding	281
Stop Sign (and lights)	94
Sticker Violation	17
No License	46
No Registration	40
Defective Equipment	12
Allowing Improper Person to Operate	4
Juvenile Cases	22

A summary of the Departments activities carried on during the year of 1974 will follow. The total number of offenses issued in Northampton District Court was 788. We made 188 arrests and I arraigned the 788 cases in court.

The number of accidents reported and investigated for 1974 was 326, an increase over last year. The fatal accidents this year amounted to 7, 4 more than in 1973. This is the largest number of fatal accidents in one year I have seen in the twenty-four years that I have been with the Department. Two were double fatals—one on Isaac's Corner, involving two cars, and the other taking place on Mill Valley Road involving a car and a truck. A single car accident on Amherst Road and one on Ware Road also took the operator's life. The Dry Bridge was the scene of a trailer truck fatality. Fatals require many extra hours of coverage by the Police Department. This is added expense to the yearly budget and cannot be projected when the budget is drawn up.

Also this year we had a murder in town and with the fine cooperation of neighboring Police Departments, an arrest was made within three hours. This is the third murder I have covered in my years with the Department. Again, this too took many extra hours to cover. It is not only the hours at the scene that involves time but reports, evidence and statements also take man hours.

The department investigated 1253 complaints, assisted other Police Departments a number of 116 times in locating townspeople without telpehones, delivered messages, and etc. Homes of residents on vacation were checked a number of 743 times during this past year. Again the number of requests for house checks has increased over last year. I feel with the increased amount of breaking and entering cases being reported, the townspeople are putting their houses on the check list. Also checked were places of business and other buildings, finding 215 doors and windows opened. This item in itself takes up several man hours each day.

At this time I want to thank local residents for reporting strange cars and suspicious activities occuring in their neighborhoods or in town, and I want to encourage more people to do the same. For only through your help and cooperation can we solve more cases. I would like to express to all townspeople that I am always available, as I have been in the past, to discuss any problems or be of any help to them either by calling me at my home or in the office.

This year the mileage on the cruisers was 102,438 miles, an increase over last year. I feel having the two cruisers is an asset for the town and better coverage for it's residents. This is one way we can cover two different sections of town at one time.

The ambulance made a number of 196 trips this year. These trips are not only for people who have been injured in an accident but also transporting residents from their homes to hospitals and nursing homes or returning them. I feel the townspeople are fortunate in having such a fine service, free of cost to them, and manned by competent attendants. We have seven registered Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) on the Police Department plus two townspeople whose services are used on the ambulance.

On August 1st of this year, the town saw their first full time officer, Robert Knight, go on duty. This has been one request I have made for the last several years. He has been to the Police Academy in Springfield and has E.M.T. training. He covers the 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. shift. Then on November 1st under the

Emergency Employment Act we saw our second full time man put on the force. He is Henry McManus who works the 12 a.m. to 8 a.m. shift, he too has E.M.T. training. It is very gratifying to me after years of being the only full time member of the department, to have gotten two full time men. This is the first big step in building a full time department. I would also hope that within the next few years to be adding at least three more men which would bring us on an average with surrounding towns which are comparable in size.

Even with the addition of the two full time men, the part-time officers are covering the hours when most action occurs, and are called out in the night to cover accidents, back up the full time man, ambulance runs and are still required to spend many days going to court. I feel these men deserve a great deal of thanks and appreciation from me and the townspeople. I would like to say that it is a rare occasion that at any hour these men are called they refuse to go and serve the town.

The department consists of myself as a full time Chief, 2 full time men, 3 part-time Sergeants, 1 part-time Policewoman, 12 part-time Patrolmen, 2 Officers who do church duty, 1 Deskman and 1 inactive Officer.

Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation Courses were also taught by members of the Police Department which were offered to all interested townspeople.

This year we had a decrease on juvenile cases in town over last year's number.

I would like to thank the Police Departments of the surrounding towns, the Metropolitan District Police for their help and for answering our phones on a stand-by basis, the State Police, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the District Court officials in Northampton and our local Fire Chief and his men for the help and cooperation they have given to me and my Department. A special thanks to the Amherst Police Department for their cooperation for responding to assistance, their lockup, breathalizer and now we are on their radio frequency which has proven to be a great help in many instances.

At this time I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to my family for their support, patience and consideration shown me during the past year. The Department phones are still in my home and except for three evenings a week, I cover them from 5 p.m. to the following 9 a.m. I would also like to thank Mr. Parker Ketchen, Liaison Officer for the Police Department, for his cooperation shown to my Department.

My sincere thanks to all the townspeople who have also cooperated with this department in any way during this past year.

Sincerely,
Ernest M. Gay
Chief of Police

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measurers

Tested and sealed Jan. 1, 1974 to Dec. 31, 1974.

Scales over 10,000 lbs.	3
Scales 100 lbs. to 5,000 lbs.	6
Scales under 100 lbs.	17
Avoirdupois Weights	17
Gasoline Pumps	37
Kerosene and grease pumps	9
Cloth Measuring Devices	4
Yard sticks	16

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer fees amounting to $220.55.

Royal H. Gay
Sealer

Historical Commission

The Belchertown Historical Commission is engaged in making a comprehensive evaluation of the historic, architectural, and archeologic assets in the town, using the criteria of the National Register and the Massachusetts Historical Commission as authorized under Chapter 40 Section 8D of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The Commission has been meeting on a monthly basis, completing a field survey of buildings around the Common and other points of historic interest. When survey forms are completed they are forwarded to the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

A Representative of the former SCOG Committee met with the Commission to determine its plans and ideas concerning the area surrounding the Town Common.

In an attempt to enlarge its inventory of historic sites, the Commission placed a notice in the local newspaper requesting information regarding older homes. There was no response to this request.

The Commission is interested in obtaining information regarding the background of older homes, especially the very old ones. The date of building, by and for whom built, special features if any, previous owners or occupants if known, any remodeling which has been done and when, or any other interesting information would be very much appreciated.

Belchertown Historical Commission
Gerald G. Tremaine
Helen Lister
John Fitzgerald
Shirley Bock
Doris Dickinson

Fire Department Report

My annual report as Fire Chief and Forest Warden follows:

Responses totaled 68 for the year 1974

Building fires	30
Brush and grass fires	25
Auto fires and accidents	8
Search for lost persons	1
False or needless alarms	2
Bomb Scares	2
Total estimated loss to buildings	$51,800
Total estimated loss to contents	12,000

The station addition was completed in 1974, and many hours have been donated by members this winter building a new sound proof communications room at the station. All radio and telephone equipment will be centralized here for a more efficient operation. Funds from our annual raffle are being used for this project and so there is no cost to the town. Much needed new equipment has also been purchased with these funds. I again thank the townspeople for the strong support given to our one fund raising event.

Our long awaited "Maxim" fire truck arrived in October. With the delivery of this truck, we feel extremely well equipped. Our 1959 tanker truck is undergoing complete reconditioning this winter which should extend its life for another ten or twelve years.

We were greatly saddened on February 21 of last year when we lost by death our senior member, Captain Isaac A. Hodgen. "Ike" had served the department faithfully for 40 years—longer than any man on the fire department in Belchertown. He was a steadying influence to our membership, and on many occasions his knowledge and experience guided us to wise decisions. "Ike" has been, and will continue to be greatly missed.

I express my thanks to my fellow members for their continuing cooperation, to Police Chief Gay and his force for their help, and, of course, to our Belchertown State School telephone operators who faithfully attend to our answering service 24 hours a day.

Respectfully submitted,
Louis E. Fuller
Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

Belchertown Fire Dept. Personnel

Fire Chief	Louis E. Fuller
Deputy Chief	Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Assistant Chief	Raymond R. Menard
Deputy Chief	Donald Bock
Lieutenant	Edward L. Fuller
Lieutenant	Hugh Hubbard, Jr.
Lieutenant	David Hodgen
Lieutenant	Samuel Joyal

Members

Royal Gay
Edward Gates
Thomas Fuller
William Shattuck
Kenneth J. Thayer
Irving Hislop
John Ribeiro
Benjamin Williams
Albert Dewhurst
Richard McGinnis
Herbert Wood
Richard Knight
Raymond Peeso
David Auclair
Harry Brougham
Paul Greene
Roy Reece, Jr.
George Greule
Robert Anderson
William Stirling
Walter Newth

State School Operators

Helen Gaudreau
Margaret Dudrick
Margaret Gendron
Bernedette Fountain
Geneveve Rusiecki
Patricia Staples
Madeline Geer

Inactive Members

Ernest M. Gay
Sherman Gould
William Squires, Jr.
Robert Smith

Cemetery Commision

The year 1974 has been one in which we have made a number of improvements and seen quite an amount of destruction.

At South Cemetery, pine trees have been planted along the boundary line, the main entrance has been widened. Another new section has been loamed and seeded, as well as the entire cemetery being limed. Shrubery has been added and wood chips spread along the banking. Also an additional number of lots have been mapped.

At Dwight Cemetery, early last spring one of the large hemlocks was destroyed by wind and had to be removed. Fortunately it missed all the stones when it fell.

Hillcrest Cemetery was the site of vandalism early last summer. Some fifteen large stones were pushed over by vandals. Also sections of the split rail fence were stolen along with the sign in front of the cemetery.

Signs were also stolen from South Cemetery and Dwight Cemetery.

There were twenty-seven burials in 1974.

Paul C. Cook
Clerk, Belchertown Cemetery Commission

Planning Board Report

Members: John J. Sullivan, Chairman; Stanford J. Harrington, Vice-Chairman; William M. Cary, Clerk and Representative to the Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Commission; Donald Cole, Member; Everett W. Plant, Member.

Staff: Susan C. Michael, Planning Assistant; Gail Godfrey, Secretary.

To: Honorable Board of Selectmen and citizens of the Town of Belchertown.

Early in the year, the Board met to organize and officers were selected as listed above.

In early December, Mrs. Gail Godfrey joined the staff under a grant through the Emergency Employment Act. Her primary responsibility is the typing of all reports prepared as part of the Comprehensive Plan. Additionally, Mrs. Godfrey is undertaking any other clerical-secretarial duties of the Planning Board Office and other departments. Mrs. Godfrey will remain on the staff until June 30, 1975.

The Planning Board met a total of twenty times over the twelve month period in 1974. Also, the Board held a total of sixteen public hearings during the year.

Seven hearings were held to consider subdivision plan proposals; five of these subdivisions were subsequently approved by the Board.

Three public hearings were held to consider the re-zoning of three parcels of land in Belchertown. Subsequently, one fifteen acre parcel south of the State Street bridge was re-zoned from Agricultural to Industrial. Another parcel located at the corner of Routes 9 and 202 to be re-zoned from Residential to Business, was brought before the Town Meeting where no action was taken. The third proposal (re-zoning 30 acres from Agricultural to Business across from the Belchertown State School on State Street), for which a hearing has been held, has not yet been brought before the Town Meeting.

Four public hearings were held to consider amendments to the Zoning By-Laws. All but one proposal were subsequently passed by Town Meeting and the Attorney General, and another amendment has received the recommendation of the Planning Board and will be brought before the next Town Meeting for action.

Finally, two public hearings were held to consider amending the Subdivision Regulations. Both were subsequently adopted by the Planning Board.

Zoning Map

Early in the year, the Board had its consulting engineer (Almer Huntley Jr. and Associates) update the Official Zoning Map which had not been done in several years. This map was then adopted officially at the September Special Town Meeting.

Subdivision Control

As stated previously, the Planning Board held seven public hearings to consider subdivision plans. The Board disapproved one plan for a subdivision of a tract of land into six lots including a roadway to extend Chadbourne Street. This proposal was later re-submitted and approved by the Board. One other subdivision was withdrawn by the developer after the public hearing, but prior to Board action.

Five subdivisions were approved by the Planning Board in 1974. Altogether they added one hundred new house lots and eight new roads (totalling 12,535 feet in length) to the town.

House Numbering Project

As Belchertown has been growing steadily each year, the need for house numbers becomes apparent. In 1973, the Planning Board sponsored the numbering of all the homes and commercial structures in the Town. The project, assigned to the Board's staff, was completed in September of this past year. The numbering system is based upon distance and the town center concept. Every fifty foot interval along each road receives a number. The even numbers are on the right hand side of the road and the odd numbers are on the left as you are leaving Belchertown from the center; each new street begins with a new set of numbers. With the aid of the Postal Service and the Belchertown Student Council, many people in the Town have been notified of their new numbers. Hopefully, within the coming year, everyone will be using their house numbers and they will appear on the houses to aid deliveries and emergency services.

Street Classification Survey

The street classification survey is a project undertaken in 1973 by the Board's engineering consultant (Almer Huntley, Jr. and Associates) with the aid of the Board's Planning Assistant. This study is being undertaken to determine the length, width, and legal status of all the roads in town. In 1974, the northeastern quadrant of the town was undertaken first. Roads bordering Route 9 from Route 202 to the Ware town line, roads bordering Route 202 from Route 9, north to the Pelham town line, and roads leading to the M.D.C. boundary are included within this quadrant. A list of these roads with their lengths, widths, and legal status, if determined, has been provided by Mr. Huntley's firm in addition to a general list of all the roads in town.

Thus far, as a result of this research, one portion of the former road to Pelham (Jabish Brook Road, or Old Pelham Road) has been discontinued. The Planning Board hopes to continue, in the next few years, with this survey until the status of each road in the entire town is determined.

Soil Survey

The Soil Conservation Service presented the Town with the completed soil survey in June, 1974. The survey includes a detailed soils map and various other maps indicating soil limitations for septic tank sewage disposal systems; soil limitations for establishing commercial and industrial sites with either on-site sewage disposal systems, or a communal sewerage system; limitations for constructing homes; and soil limitations for establishing landfill areas and roads. Other maps included land slope information, wetland areas, and surface runoff qualities. The Soil Conservation Service also provides a report describing all of the soils and explanations of the maps. The soil survey has been and will further prove to be very useful in the completion of a comprehensive plan for Belchertown. It will also serve as a useful guide for many town boards and departments in making decisions which guide the growth of the town.

Hydrology Report

In addition to the valuable soil survey, the Board will soon receive a report on the hydrological characteristics of the town, as prepared by U. Mass Graduate student, Philip G. Smith. This study began in 1973 under the guidance of the Citizen's Advisory Committee as part of its role in assisting the Planning Board with various aspects of the comprehensive planning program. The Board looks forward to receiving this report and feels that it will be very helpful in future planning as well as an informational aid to other study committees concerned with this topic.

Watershed Reports.

The Planning Board became concerned in 1974, about the number of other towns which have water rights in Belchertown. Thorough research on this topic, the Board concluded, would also prove to be useful in preparing a comprehensive plan, as it would show by implication what control Belchertown retains over available water resources.

Almer Huntley Jr. and Associates undertook this study in the early months of last year, and in September, presented the Planning Board with a complete report of the various watersheds in Belchertown.

Jurisdictions which hold rights to water within the Town of Belchertown include the City of Springfield, the Town of Amherst, the Metropolitan District Commission, the Bondsville Fire and Water District, and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (through the Belchertown State School). This report, being quite detailed, is available in the Planning Board office for those interested.

Flood Insurance Program

The Federal Flood Insurance Act of 1968 enables flood-prone communities throughout the nation to join the National Flood Insurance Program, whereby flood insurance is made available at reduced rates (subsidized by the Federal Government) to individuals in eligible communities. (There is no cost to the town.)

Once the community receives the flood identification maps from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, showing which portions of the community is flood prone, application may be made to the Federal Insurance Administration for eligibility.

Belchertown received these flood prone area maps in July, 1974 and the task of preparing the application for the Town was undertaken by the Planning Board staff. The number and type of structures within the designated flood hazard areas had to be assessed and various documents were prepared. An article will appear at the next town meeting to enable the Town to join the program.

Comprehensive Planning Program

The Planning Board was fortunate, in 1974, in obtaining the aid of six graduate students from the University of Massachusetts' Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning to assist the Board in the preparation of a Comprehensive Plan for the Town. Max Gowen, Fiseha Eshete, Robert MacKenzie, Douglas North, Susan Oates, and Steve Erickson are candidates in the Master of Regional Planning Degree program at the University.

The objective of the comprehensive planning program is the formulation of a general guide for use by all town departments in making decisions concerning the overall growth of the town. The Comprehensive Plan will be concerned with three basic issues: (1) "What do we have?", (2) "What do we need and/or want?", (3) "How are we going to get these things?" These questions will be dealt with in three phases.

The first phase is a comprehensive inventory of all aspects of the town, including population, housing, public utilities, community services and facilities (general government and schools), water systems, sewerage facilities, economic base, and land characteristics such as soils, topography, forestry and hydrology. All of these studies deal with the question "What do we have?" This phase alone, is of tremendous value to each department in answering questions of future need. Population and housing studies, for example, will not only contain information on the present status of the Town, but will also contain projections of future growth, so valuable in forecasting the need for schools, roads and all other community services. Land characteristics will aid in showing where development is most likely to occur.

The second phase in the comprehensive planning program is an analysis of the basic inventories coupled with an overall determination by the various town departments, of what services and facilities we will need to expand and/or what facilities the town would like to furnish. These issues are based primarily upon what resources are, or will become, available and also what physical and fiscal constraints may exist. There will be a significant amount of involvement of all town officials and citizens in this phase of the program. The Planning Board has formed a "Town Advisory Group" comprised of one member of each town board or department in hopes of providing the most effective forum for dealing with these issues.

The final stage in the planning program is the selection of alternatives which will deal with the final question "How are we going to get these things?" This third stage combines the first two phases and synthesizes all previous information into a land use plan, a community facilities plan and other general recommendations.

This project is being funded jointly by the Belchertown Planning Board and the Citizen Advisory Service of the Department of Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning. The Planning Board's contribution is in funds or services totalling $1250.00, one-half of the total cost.

Phase I (Inventory-data gathering) was completed in the first semester. This stage of data gathering is the most time consuming. During their second semester, the planning team will aid the Town boards and departments in addressing themselves to the issues of the second and third phases. By June, 1975 we anticipate a final report, at which time we will have the opportunity to pursue the goals and recommendations which have been selected.

Belchertown Planning Board

Board of Health Report

The year 1974 was a busy one for the Board of Health. In March, the Board promulgated a long overdue set of Rules and Regulations for the Installation of septic tanks. 163 percolation tests were presided over by members of the Board. These represent both new systems and repairs to existing systems. Several complaints were investigated on septic tank related problems, and corrective action was taken in each of these cases.

Another major area the Board was concerned with was housing. Several housing complaints were received and acted upon. Inspections of the major apartments in town were made, resulting in action being taken to remedy violations. One private residence was condemned and razed.

All of the food service establishments in Belchertown were inspected at various times during the year, both by the Board's Agent-Sanitarian, Mr. John Brickett, and members of the Board.

The Visiting Nurse Association has completed its first year in Belchertown. The Board of Health is extremely pleased with the outstanding service the Town is receiving for so small a cost.

In conjunction with the School Department, several immunization clinics were held for school students. Dr. Collard administered flu shots to all town employees. The Board is very grateful for his help.

Mrs. Charlotte Ketchen, R.N., Clerk of Infectious Diseases reports the following for the year 1974: Chicken Pox 1; Dysentary Bacillary 1; Hepatitis viral 4; Measles 1; Streptococcal Infections 3; Animal Bites 24.

The Board is most appreciative of the job Mrs. Ketchen is doing for us.

The Board of Health is looking forward to another progressive and healthy year of service to the Town of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,
James A. Bonafini, Sr.
Linda H. Snow
John P. Bay

Agent - Sanitarian Report

As Agent-Sanitarian for the Board of Health, I respectfully submit my annual report for 1974.

During 1974, regular inspections were made on all food service and retail food service establishments as required by law. For the most part, the establishments were satisfactory.

Monthly inspections were made at the two mobilehome parks located in the town. Satisfactory sanitary conditions were maintained during the year.

During the summer months regular water samples were taken from the town beach and from the bathhouse drinking water faucets. The results of the samples showed the swimming water to be of a good quality for swimming purposes. The drinking water samples were of satisfactory quality.

Monthly inspections were made at the town dump. The condition of the dump has complied with standards approved by the State Department of Public Health.

Two nuisance complaints were investigated with the Board of Health. Appropriate action was taken in each case.

Approximately 25 temporary food booths were inspected on Fair Day. Recommendations were made to the Board of Health to better the toilet situation during the fair. This will be followed up in 1975.

I wish to extend my thanks to the people of Belchertown and to the Board of Health for the fine cooperation extended to me during 1974.

Respectfully submitted,
John A. Brickett, R.S.
Agent-Sanitarian

Conservation Commission

The Belchertown Conservation Commission has spent another active year attempting to enforce the Wetlands Protection Act (formerly known as the Hatch Act). On-site inspections, determinations, public hearings, and a great deal of paper work for each possible case have kept us all busy. The Commission has purchased a camera to aid in these cases by recording the before and after condition of certain parcels of land.

Gary Kellogg was welcomed as a new member to the Commission last June. He filled the unexpired term of Dennis McGrevy who left Belchertown to move to a new job. We were sorry to lose Dennis since he had proven to be an extremely interested and active member. Gary Kellogg was elected to the board by the joint vote of the Conservation Commission and the Board of Selectmen. We feel fortunate to have found a conscientious person in Gary, willing to devote many hours of his time to the Commissions' work.

The Commission has also been involved with the preparation of an Open Space Recreation Plan for the town. We have looked at various parcels of land throughout the town in hopes of obtaining them for conservation and recreation purposes. We would like to encourage people who have land that they would like to keep as open space or conservation land to contact us. There are various options open to those who are interested in maintaining open space and several of these options can even save you tax money.

During the past year Conservation Commission members have attended numerous meetings and hearings. Among the topics covered at these meetings were the possibility of more but strictly limited recreation at Quabbin, discussions of how to best implement the Wetlands Protection Act, an explanation of flood plain zoning and insurance, information on how other towns have acquired Conservation lands.

The Operational Soils Report (soil survey) was completed by the Soil Conservation Service and copies were distributed to all towns boards who would have a use for them. The townspeople may consult a copy of the report at either the Clapp Memorial Library, or the Town Clerk's office. There is also a copy at the High School library for students interested in this information about their town. The Planning Board has been using their copies in the preparation of the town's Master Plan. They have color coded a set which is hanging in their office and has been of great usefulness to other boards and citizens alike.

We are looking forward to another year of working with the townspeople for the benefit of Belchertown.

Barbara E. Sullivan
Louis Laframboise
Leslie Campbell
Kenneth Rhodes
Sherman Gould
Andrew J. Sears
Gary Kellogg

Council on Aging Report

Organization: The Council on Aging organized in January 1974 with George Bach as chairman. Upon Mr. Bach's resignation, Ms. Henneman was appointed temporary chairman by the Selectmen. In November the Council appointed Louise Wadsworth as Convenor, and the Selectmen filled Council vacancies to give a full membership of seven.

In November application was made for funding for the remainder of FY75 (Jan.-June 75). This request was granted by the Finance Committee, the monies coming from Available Funds in amount of $1,145.00.

Program. During 1974 the Council was involved in becoming familiar with the Commonwealth of Mass, Office of Elder Affairs and regional agencies (Holyoke-Chicopee Home Care, Lower Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Com.), Federal programs (Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamp), and other Councils on Aging. Meetings have been held with representatives from various public and private agencies concerning the problems and programs of senior citizens.

Upon reviewing guidelines for Councils on Aging established by the Commonwealth Office of Elder Affairs, the Council appointed a sub-committee which designed a Needs Survey which was subsequently distributed to over 700 residents of Belchertown 59 and over. Results of this survey will be used in determining program emphases in the coming year.

A program of Senior Citizen Identification Cards was initiated. Belchertown residents 65 and over can obtain this card which entitles them to discounts from participating merchants in both Belchertown and surrounding communities. It was felt that this was one way in which the Council might aid the senior citizen in the current economic crisis.

Discussions have been held with the Palmer Visiting Nurse Association and the Belchertown Board of Health relative to ongoing clinics in Belchertown to serve citizens of all age.

Meetings. Meetings of the Council on Aging are held on the second Friday and fourth Monday of each month at the Memorial Hall and are open to interested citizens.

Louise C. Wadsworth, Convenor

Parks, Beach & Recreation Committee

The role of the Parks, Beach and Recreation Committee was increased when a full time employee was added to the Recreation Program. New ideas were implemented on a small scale to help determine the direction the Recreation Program should go in the future.

High school age basketball and an "open door" policy was provided at the Old Town Hall after school and on days off. Adult basketball three nights per week and Sunday was very well attended. A women's gym program one morning a week; trips to events for large groups and other special events were being implemented or planned for the near future. On Saturdays an Arts and Crafts Program was run for grades K through 4, and basketball for grades 5 and 6.

The baseball program again grew this past summer, with some girls joining the ranks. Over 150 youngsters were involved. Because of the need for a comparable program for all the interested girls, the committee is developing a program to be held three evenings a week, but not excluding boys.

The swim (Red Cross) program, under the direction of William Kirk, was heavily attended and had its usual success. Four year olds to adults were active in the swim program.

Many compliments were received for the condition of the Town Beach and the job "well done" by the life guards. The amount of "out-of-towners" using the beach was kept to a minimum by the use of stickers and a policeman on duty at interval times. According to the records kept by Policeman Preston Atwood, a large amount of non-town people were turned back at the gate.

A row boat was added to the equipment at the beach. The boat was used for two purposes; life guarding on the outer perimeters of the beach, and for swim classes. A third reason for the boat was in case of emergencies, and thankfully, there were none.

The men's softball program, held Sunday mornings, was a huge success and shows much potential of growing. The womens' softball program was on a much smaller scale, but also shows more potential.

The committee is still hoping to have a reasonable "Master Plan" for recreation in Belchertown that will include young and old. The possibility of a large recreation area is growing. Most pressing at this time is added diamonds for our baseball and playground programs. Otherwise the programs will not grow to their potential.

With the cry for more recreation facilities and recreation, the part-time, non-paid Recreation Committee may be forced to form sub-committees to investigate the many requests and possibilities. Requests include tennis courts, lighting for Parsons' Field, improvement of the Old Town Hall, skating rinks and playgrounds. The committee feels it is now time to investigate all the possibilities that can improve recreation in Belchertown at a reasonable cost to the taxpayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Forgue, Co-Chairman
Richard Cook, Co-Chairman
June Smith, Secretary
Shirley Dorey
William Wegiel

Animal Inspector

The Animal Inspector confined (because of bites) and released 23 animals during 1974—including 21 dogs, 1 horse, and 1 cat.

The Animal Inspector cooperated with the Board of Health and 4-H Horse Club in organizing a clinic for Encephalomyelitis vaccination in the summer.

100 barns were inspected and the report was sent to the Division of Animal Health in December.

Respectfully submitted,
Lewis J. Austin,
Animal Inspector

Zoning Enforcement Officer

As Zoning Enforcement Officer, I respectfully submit my annual report for 1974.

Construction Report

Construction figures as set forth in the chart below indicate a substantial amount of construction over the twelve month period (January 1-December 31) in 1974.

The level of activity is, however, substantially lower than the 1973 level. A 1974 total of 127 applications for building permits, contrasted with the 1973 total of 189 applications exemplifies this clearly. Of those 189 applications in 1973, 102 were for single family dwellings, whereas in 1974 only 45 applications were filed for single family dwellings, plus one application for a duplex and one for a ten unit condominium (totalling 57 units).

There were two major construction projects over the past year, one of which was the new highway garage on Jackson Street with an estimated cost of $228,186.00. Additionally, a ten unit condominium complex of an estimated cost of $200,000.00 will be constructed behind Mt. Hope Cemetery off East Walnut Street in the Spring of 1975.

One new service-station/auto body repair shop is in the early phases of construction of the westerly side of Route 9 near Pelham. (Another auto body shop opened for business this year, however, the structure was constructed under a 1973 permit).

Zoning Enforcement Report

Since the full-time office of Zoning Enforcement was created in July 1974, a total of twenty Certificates of Occupancy have been issued in a six month period from July 1, 1974-December 31, 1974, for new homes.

Most zoning violations were dealt with orally and were regarding setback requirements and extensions of non-conforming structures or uses. However, five cease and desist orders were served where a violation of the Zoning By-Law was already in progress. One building permit was revoked but later re-issued upon receipt of a judgment by the Board of Appeals granting a variance.

With the establishment of the State Building Code, Belchertown is required to hire a building inspector to inspect each phase of construction. The building permit applications have been revised and we will require a Zoning Compliance Certificate to be approved by this office prior to the issuance of any building permit.

All things considered, 1974 construction figures still show a fairly substantial level of development. Hopefully, the national level of economic activity will rise in the not too distant future, and Belchertown will see a rise in the level of activity again, as it has in the past.

Susan C. Michael
Zoning Enforcement Officer

Total Permits: 127
Total Estimated Cost of Construction: $1,626,000.00

Type of Improvement	**No. of Permits**	**Estimated Cost**
Dwelling units	57*	$1,264,500.00
Commercial units	1	12,000.00
Accessory structures (barns, sheds, etc.)	33	38,730.00
Public buildings	1	228,186.00
Repairs and additions to:		
a. Residential structures	31	58,036.00
b. Non-residential structures	6	12,548.00
c. Public structures	1	12,000.00
Demolitions	7	

*Including 10 condominium units and 1 duplex

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals had a busy year in 1974. Twenty-six separate applications for variances to the Zoning By-Laws were considered. A majority of these appeals received a favorable decision. The most common appeal was for permission to add to or improve a building on an undersized lot. Several applications for the establishment of half-way houses attracted attention, two of which were granted.

The members of the Board believe that it is their mandate to grant exceptions to the Zoning By-laws when the granting of that exception will improve the neighborhood and thereby be in the best interests of the Town of Belchertown.

In addition to the formal hearings, the Board meets frequently to discuss the applications, visit the site of each appeal, and it frequently must consult town counsel before rendering its decision. Because of the vastly increased caseload, the Board was granted an appropriation by the Finance Committee to enable it to secure the services of a part-time secretary to care for the extensive paper work.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick D. Kamins, Chm.
Arthur Davenport
Frank E. Farrington, Jr.
Walter J. Carmody, Assoc. Member
Peter Adzima, Assoc. Member

School Committee Report

Throughout the past year, your School Committee continued its historical role of laboring to maintain the proven high quality of our public educational system by obtaining maximum value for your money.

Your Committee met forty times during the past year. Additionally, sub-committee meetings were conducted with various collective bargaining groups, with representatives of academic departments throughout the system and with administration members and staff.

The physical plant maintenance program continued as in the past. Fire alarm systems with automatic detectors were installed in the Jr.-Sr. High School and Cold Spring School. These two systems are arranged that if the detectors are actuated, alarm horns are activated while a signal is transmitted directly to the fire alarm operator at the Belchertown State School who in turn contacts the fire department. The systems were funded by federal revenue sharing monies.

The five buildings received normal maintenance as required. Painting, roof repair and grounds maintenance projects continued as in the past. A new 5,000 gallon fuel tank was installed at Center School to replace a much smaller leaking tank. This will allow the fuel vendor to make fewer deliveries and should be reflected in a lower cost per gallon. The upgrading program at Franklin School begun in 1970, was continued and appears to be mostly completed.

The parent volunteer program continued in a most successful manner. A parent advisory committee has been formed and is co-operating with administrators and staff in all the elementary schools.

The multiple use of school buildings has been very encouraging. The gymnastic program on Monday and Wednesday evenings remains heavily attended. Adult evening education programs in art, ceramics, quilting, crewel and cake decorating are currently in sesson. Again the Committee wishes to remind the people of Belchertown that the buildings are available for your use. Mr. Curry can be contacted for details.

In closing, the Committee wishes to extend best wishes to Mrs. Anita Wadhams who retired last June, after serving since 1958, as head teacher at Center School and to thank all those people who directly or non-directly assisted in the successful operation of your school system during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Harold E. Mellin, Jr., Chairman
Belchertown School Committee

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

During the year 1974, the staff of the Belchertown Public Schools has worked toward its goals of continuing to strengthen curriculum and to improve instruction by the following methods: evaluation of teaching performance; coordination of curriculum between the various grade levels; investigation of further individualization of instruction; exploration of Individually Guided Education; revision of Junior High curriculum in Industrial Arts, Home Economics, Art, Music, Physical Education, and Life Education; provision for opportunities to pursue independent study and contractual learning at the secondary level; development of the basic concepts of affective education; facilitation of the students themselves in their learning activities; improvement of communication with students, parents, and fellow staff members; and exploration of collaborative programs with other districts to provide more alternatives to our students. Some of the ways we are meeting these goals will be explained in the reports from the various areas of instruction.

Belchertown Elementary Schools [Center, Cold Spring, Franklin, and Memorial]

During the year 1974, the educational process of the elementary schools of Belchertown underwent several changes in a continuing effort to improve the elementary schools at all levels of instruction.

The emphasis is still on individualization of instruction whereby the focus of the educational process is on the individual child rather than on groups of children of the same age or grade level.

The philosophy of the Belchertown Elementary School System is a commitment to the development of the whole child according to each one's needs and unique learning styles. The educational process will focus itself on full respect for human worth and dignity.

The goals of the Belchertown Elementary Schools are as follows:

1. To accord dignity to the learner by respecting him as a person, by individualizing instruction in a manner which allows him to learn according to a style that fits his needs, abilities, and personal fulfillment.

2. To expand and advance the humane dimensions of all learners by the cultivation of spiritual, moral, and ethical values and attitudes.

3. To develop in each learner the basic skills needed for communication, perception, evaluation, and conceptualization of ideas. Among the most important are reading, writing, speaking, listening, visual and computational skills.

4. To provide each learner with varied opportunities to nuture interests, to discover and to develop natural talents, and to express values and feelings through various media.

5. To foster individual commitment to exercise the rights and responsibilities of group membership and to respect the rights of others. To provide each learner with knowledge and experience which contributes to sensitivity and understanding of human similarities and differences.

6. To encourage personal responsibility for mental and physical well being through hygiene, exercise, nutrition, safety, and proper use of drugs.

7. To provide each learner with knowledge and understanding for intelligent use of his environment.

Reading

This year for the first time the Holt, Rinehart and Winston reading series has been extended through the first six grades. This series is proving to be both attractive and motivational. Every effort is being made to place each child where his academic progress can be easily assured. The rewards for the children, owing to this measure, are numerous and satisfying.

The Wisconsin Design is also part of the language arts programs. A management system for the phonics program, it monitors and directs each child on an individual basis. Its emphasis is on skills development because this is essential to success in reading. At the present time the elementary school is concerned with only one of the six elements of the Design-Word Attack.

In order to further meet the needs of our students a remedial reading program is provided. This program provides the opportunity for small group instruction based on the individual child's needs. The child in this program is given the chance to work with a variety of material and the teacher uses special techniques to help these children improve their reading skills. A total of 53 children meet with Mrs. Mildred White and Mrs. Maureen Madden for special help with reading based on the prescriptive techniques outlined for these children in their educational plan.

Library

The library has a new look this year. The walls have been panelled with birch wood. A blue-green rug has been placed on the floor making it a room where quietness and tranquillity can be found. We have added many entertaining and instructive books for the amusement and education of our children. We offer our sincere thanks to our faithful mothers who have charge of the library for their untiring efforts for the benefit of all students.

We utilized the funds given to us from Title III to purchase both hardware and software for the libraries at all schools. We have procured the following for all school libraries:

Cassette Recorders, Overhead Projectors, Filmstrip Projectors, Radiant Tripod Screen, Language Masters, Hoffman Viewers, Hoffman Study Units, and Transparencies.

Math

The Individualized Mathematics Program (IMS) is now being used in grades one through five. It will be extended to grade six next year. The design of the IMS program has the child working on his actual learning level. This means the low achieving child is not frustrated listening to a lesson that's too difficult nor is the high achieving child bored with work that is too easy.

Teachers continue to supplement IMS with work on such areas as learning the multiplication tables. IMS also provides practice pages that can be mimeographed. Also this year a 10 week workshop was given to help familiarize parent volunteers with the material in I.M.S.

Remedial Math

The remedial math program works with children having problems learning mathematics. By using manipulative materials abstract concepts can be physically represented. This makes the learning process much more real to the child and consequently much easier to learn. What could be just a collection of algorithms to memorize becomes a logical system that makes sense.

Special Education

Implementation of Massachusetts' new special education law, known as Chapter 766, has widely expanded special services for school age children. The law defines a school age child as one between the ages of 3 and 21.

A Core Evaluation Team has been formed for both elementary and secondary pupils. A census of three and four year old children in the town has been taken and voluntary referrals have been received from parents. Any parent of a pre-school child who suspects that a special need or problem exists is still invited to contact the Superintendent of Schools to have the child evaluated.

All children presently enrolled in Kindergarten have been screened by a series of tests to early identify disabilities that would impede educational progress.

Children having problems of varying degrees in speech, hearing, physical, emotional, educational and behavioral areas have been identified and are receiving special services through the Belchertown

School system. To date 90 children age 3 through high school are in various stages of evaluation. Of this number, approximately twenty have substantial problems requiring full core evaluations with outside professionals and agencies joining school personnel in in-depth assessments.

Project Prepare

Project Prepare, the federally funded TITLE I summer program, was held for six weeks from the last week of June through the beginning of August. This program is directed toward the pre-school through Grade 1 pupils for intensive prerequisite learning skills training such as following directions, listening, perception, motor and initial academic skills. Twenty-eight children were divided into six ability groups for the six week training session.

Elementary Guidance

Due to the involvement of our one staff person in the Chapter 766 special education process, the function of elementary guidance has been restricted to a minimal core of select students requiring this service. Hopefully in 1975, the time requirements of 766 will allow more energy to be spent in elementary guidance.

Title I [School Year Program]

Title I funding for the school year program has been used again this year to provide tutorial and small group remediation in basic language and mathematic skills.

A team of five certified teachers employed on an hourly basis provide this service for 3 hours daily throughout the elementary schools for those children who qualify under Title I guidelines.

This program has done much to provide children, with social and behavioral problems as well as educational ones, with the opportunity to make continuing educational progress.

Elementary Music

The Elementary Music Department has expanded and improved with the addition of Miss Marilyn Bennett who has assumed instruction of instrumental music and band. This new position of a full-time teacher allows for a larger number of participants in the instrumental program and also allows the children more instructional time.

Curriculum in classroom music in kindergarten through grade six has broadened to include social studies coordination with Family of Man kits. The use of existing books and materials with the addition of a few new audio visuals has made this possible. As always, it is true that children find more meaning in music which is related to their classroom studies or to their own daily lives.

The Elementary Chorus for the 1974-1975 season is a large group of 60 fifth and sixth grade students. The present group performed in a special holiday program for the public on December 17, 1974. Last June, the chorus was a part of the Fine Arts Festival in Belchertown.

Future plans for the Music Department call for continued growth in curriculum areas. The chorus hopes to branch out and present a musical in the spring in conjunction with the drama groups of Memorial School.

Elementary Physical Education

This fall, the emphasis in physical education for the lower grades (1-4) was on games of low organization and ball skills. The children got lots of fresh air and enjoyed working on body mechanics and memetics as well. In the upper grades (5-6) this fall, physical fitness and team sports were emphasized.

During the winter the lower grades will be participating in creative rhythms, singing games, simple folk dancing and tumbling, including work with the parachute and trampoline. The upper grades will enjoy team sports, gymnastics, folk dancing and more physical fitness.

This spring simple games and relays, individual and couple activities and more ball skills at the lower levels and athletic events such as softball and track and field for the upper grade levels.

Speech Therapy

The speech therapy program, now in its second year, provides diagnostic evaluation, therapy, and program coordination for elementary students referred for articulation, language, auditory perceptual, voice and stuttering problems. All kindergarten children have been screened for possible problems in these areas, with therapeutic intervention for this age group provided in the classroom. The present speech caseload consists of 41 children at the elementary level. Diagnostic evaluation has been provided for six preschool children at the parents' request. A comprehensive survey of junior and senior high school students has been completed. It is hoped that direct service can be expanded to include this age group.

Art

The goal of the art program in the Belchertown Elementary Schools is to integrate the art lessons with the classroom curriculum in order to make the children aware of the unity of art with their total living environment.

In the spring of 1974, Mrs. Wilma Cashin, in cooperation with the Music Department and the Physical Education Department put together a very successful circus. All of the children contributed something in line of visual art to the circus from large three-dimensional papier mache animals to two-dimensional circus pictures.

The art program has continued to integrate the classroom curriculum this fall. Some of the projects have been papier mache kachina dolls and basket weaving in a fourth grade class studying Hopi Indians in social studies. Other classrooms have been integrated as well with the cooperation of each classroom teacher.

The future direction of the art program will be to continue to increase and improve the quality of the integrated art lesson.

A Title II grant has been written requesting visual motivational materials (slides, film loops, art reproductions, study prints and books) to improve the quality of each art lesson. Furthermore, a kiln has been ordered so that we may increase the children's involvement in three-dimensional art experiences using the clay medium.

Science

An innovative science program, the Science Curriculum Improvement Study (S.C.I.S.) began its fourth year of successful operation. This program is laboratory oriented and employs scientific inquiry.

Social Studies

Modern innovative social studies programs are being carried on at all grades with Family of Man—A University of Minnesota Social Studies project in grades 1-4, "Man—A Course of Study" taught in grade five and "People and Technology" taught in grade six.

Plans for the future will include a Bicentennial Junior Committees of Correspondence which is a national program to establish Committees of Correspondence in elementary schools across the country for the exchange of letters by students expressing their thoughts on the Bicentennial and describing their participation in class, school, and community activities for the Bicentennial.

Intramural Sports

The intramural sports program was very successful during 1974. This program provides instruction and competition for all boys and girls in grades five and six who wish to participate. Included among the sports are basketball, softball, soccer, touch football and kickball.

Interns

Belchertown teachers have demonstrated their interest in the future of their profession by continuing to train teachers from the University of Massachusetts and Westfield State College. Student interns did their student teaching at Cold Spring and Memorial Schools during the Spring and Fall of 1974.

High School Volunteers

Students from Belchertown High School serving as school volunteers contributed much time and effort by devoting many hours tutoring elementary pupils in reading and math on a weekly basis.

Pupil Personnel Service Committee

The Pupil Personnel Services Committee was continued again in 1974 to help children having serious problems in learning. The committee is composed of the Principal, Mr. Barrett; Supervisor of Reading and Perceptually Handicapped, Mrs. Avery; School Nurse, Mrs. Ayers; and the Guidance Counselor, Mr. Millett. This group meets weekly to discuss and make recommendations for pupils having problems in school such as those with: learning disabilities, physical handicaps, emotional instability, or limited intelligence.

Student Advisory Committee

A student advisory committee was formed by the principal. The eight member committee was elected by their fellow classmates at Memorial School. The purpose of the committee is to make recommendations to the principal for improving the welfare of the pupils.

Parent Advisory Council

A Parent-Advisory council was set up by the principal to meet regularly with him and to (1) provide two way communication between the school administration and parents, (2) to help coordinate parent volunteer projects. The Belchertown School Volunteer group recently joined the National School Volunteers Association.

Open House

During the week of October 28-November 1 American Education Week was observed with Open House at all elementary schools.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

In December of 1974 Parent-Teacher Conferences were scheduled at all elementary schools. The conferences were a success with over 85% of the parents in attendance.

Volunteers

For the second consecutive year over seventy parent volunteers and five Golden Agers contributed hundreds of hours of their time in tutoring and helping children in individualized math, reading and other school related activities. The school volunteer program has been extremely successful and much appreciated by the administration, teaching staff and the children of the elementary schools.

The school children of Belchertown presented several enjoyable educational assembly programs during 1974. Grade five, the elementary band and chorus observed Memorial Day with an excellent program held on the town common. An excellent Spring art exhibit and music concert featuring the elementary chorus and band was held in June.

In June of 1974 over 70 sixth grade pupils from Memorial School attended Camp Kenwood in Potter Place, New Hampshire for one week. An excellent elementary Christmas Concert featuring the elementary band and chorus was held in December. An outstanding circus was held at Cold Spring School in March integrating art, music and physical education.

Educational field trips were continued during 1974 for all grades. Some of the trips taken were to the Granby Dinosaur Museum by the Kindergarten classes, to Austin's farm in South Belchertown by grade one. Grades two and three visited the Fish Hatchery and Quabbin Reservoir. Grades one and two went to the Holyoke Science Museum. Grades three and four visited the Worcester Science Museum and Grade five visited the Worcester Steel Museum. The sixth grade went to the Museum of Science in Boston.

The schools earnestly hope that an increasing number of parents will participate in school activities during the coming year. When the parents show an interest in the school activities it usually reflects in the children's desire to learn. This results in a happier and more meaningful school experience for parents, children and teachers.

The following programs were carried out at the Jr. Sr. High School during the year 1974:

1. Guidance Department

The close of the Christmas Holidays and the onset of the last half of the school year settled most into the necessary business of completing the school year successfully. The Seniors planning to continue their education completed the task of applications for admission and financial aid. The economic situation and a difficult job market saw many Seniors, not planning to continue their formal education, begin the search for full-time employment much earlier than in the past. Several Seniors were on Work-Study and many of these were able to achieve full-time employment soon enough to take advantage of the early-release program.

Mrs. Carole Cohen, who was our Junior High Counselor, left Belchertown to take a position in another town. To fill her position we hired Mr. David King in the Spring and Mr. King has proved to be a very welcome addition to the staff. During the school year we had five (5) students working on Neighborhood Youth Corps. Four (4) of our high school girls attended the Upward Bound Project in Northfield this summer. This is a Federally funded program to provide an opportunity for young people to learn to adjust to academic situations and return to their regular schools and take better advantage of their learning environments. It also helps to gain financial aid if these same students should decide to further their education in any type of school after graduation. The program is open to both girls and boys.

We were fortunate in being funded for a TITLE VI program for the second year 1974-75. The grant provided $19,279.00 for specialized help for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students. The funds provide for the hiring of a school adjustment counselor, and a paraprofessional. It also provides for professional consultant services, inservice training for staff, equipment, and materials.

Through this funding we were able to hire two additional staff members. Mr. James Waddel was hired for the school adjustment counselor position and Mrs. Linda Foutes-Riihimaki was hired for the paraprofessional position. The program has been in effect now since September and has proved to be very successful. The success of this program is due to the work of Mr. Waddel and Mrs. Riihimaki and the cooperation of the staff and administration at the Jr.-Sr. High School.

In June Seventy-eight (78) Seniors were presented for graduation. Many chose to continue their formal education at a variety of institutions. The rising cost of education is continuing to be a problem as is the problem of seeking full-time employment.

Statistics for the Class of 1974

40% went on to higher education
19% went on to full-time employment
36% were undecided at time of graduation
3% entered the Armed Forces
2% Married

Scholarships Awarded at Graduation

The Steeple Memorial Scholarship—Ronald Waite, The Lt. Michael P. Austin Memorial Awards—Judith Ribeiro, Marlene Sroka, The Louis A. Shumway Memorial Scholarship—Dennis Daniels, The Mary Judkins Memorial Scholarship—Linette Hebert, The Robert C. Morey Memorial Athletic Scholarship—Susan Whitlock, The Walter L. Papp Scholarship—Ronald Gathro, The Holland Family Award—Kathy Antonovich, The Lions Club Scholarships—Grace Adzima, Joel Slupnicki, The Chauncey D. Walker Legion Auxiliary Scholarships—Julie Tolpa, Marlene Sroka, The Student Council Scholarship—Joel Slupnicki, The Belchertown Registered Nurses Association Scholarship—Kathy Kelly, The Belchertown Teachers' Association Scholarships—Laura Dickinson, Lynn Phaneuf, Joel Slupnicki, Julie Tolpa, Katherine Winter, Wayne Zaleski, The Student Action for Education Scholarship/FTA—Laura Dickinson, Lynn Phaneuf, The V F W Auxiliary Scholarship—Julie Tolpa, The V F W Scholarship—Katherine Antonovich

In actual dollar value we realized $2,060 from local scholarship funds.

Other scholarships awarded include the following: Bi-County Athletic Award—Catherine Clark, Willimansett American Legion—Schley Warren, Shannon Warren, Mary Lane Hospital Scholarship—Sheree Loftus.

The 103rd Commencement of Belchertown High School was held on June 6, 1974, on the high school athletic field. The Class salutatorian was Laura Dickinson and the valedictorian was Katherine Antonovitch. The 1974 graduates were as follows:

Adzima, Grace Marie**
Antonovitch, Katherine Ann**
Barry, Tina Marie*
Berard, Susan Mary
Bodytko, Melinda Ann
Boudreau, John Thomas
Bournique, Darlene
Clark, Catherine**
Clark, Gregory Paul
Cook, Norma Jean**
Crisafulli, Frances Jessie**
Daniels, Dennis Arthur
Dexter, Marlene Lou
Dickinson, Laura Mae**
Dodge, Debra Joan
Dodge, Nancy Jean*
Dunbar, Deborah Lee
Foster, Dana John
Gathro, Ronald James**
Groux, Suzanne
Hatt, Jo Anne Louise
Hawkins, Dardanelle Lynne*
Hebert, Linette Janet**
Hennessey, Steven W.
Hislop, Robert L.
Holt, Barbara Ann
Horr, Betty Jean
Hull, Rebecca A.
Irwin, Theresa Ann*
Jackson, Neil M.
Kajka, Elizabeth Mary**
Kelley, Kathy Lynn
Kimball, Craig Richard
Kopacz, Stanley J.
Lachance, Yvan O.
Lachance, Yves J.
Laporte, Gregory J.
Lecours, Allen R.
Lefebvre, Melanie Ann
Loftus, Sheree Lee
Madden, Sharon Lynn
Maillet, David Leo
Mallard, Rayanne B.
McClure, Linda Lee
Moreau, Celeste M.
Morey, Barbara Ann
Neggers, Hilda Ellen**
Opielowski, Janet Sue
Peeso, Robert Raymond
Phaneuf, Lynn Allison**
Pierce, Cheryl Lee
Rebello, Anthony A.
Reece, Donald Lee
Ribiero, Judith Ann
Ritter, Judith B.
Rush, Sharon H. Koch
Saba, Deborah E.
Scott, Ray C.
Slate, Kenneth P.
Slupnicki, Joel Walter**
Smith, Susanne Lilian
Spellman, Maureen E.
Squires, Mark G.
Sroka, Marlene A.**
Sussman, Michael Joseph*
Tetrault, Michael J.
Tolpa, Julie Elinor
Viens, Deborah Jeanne
Waite, Ronald*
Wall, Charles R.
Warren, III, Schley A.
Warren, Shannon Ann
Whitlock, Susan Blanchard**
Winter, Katherine Elizabeth**
Zaleski, Wayne B.**

*Pro Merito
**National Honor Society

Class Motto—We stand on the threshold of a dream. Class colors—Blue and White. Class Flower—Carnation.

2. Business Department

The Business Department has two major objectives: (1) To provide the student with the general business knowledge that is necessary for him to become an effective worker, citizen, and consumer in our society, (2) To prepare the student to be vocationally competent in his business career.

With these objectives in mind, the department has developed a curriculum that offers intensive courses in the areas of secretarial, accounting, and basic business subjects to prepare capable students to enter the employment field upon graduation or to take advanced specialized training at college. Instruction in these courses reflect the new and rewarding opportunities introduced by this age of automation. As early as the Freshman year students are alerted to the variety of job opportunities that would require educational and occupational training at the high school level.

During the past year a study has been made of the current trends in employment and the demands of the prospective employer. This information has been acquired through contacts with personnel managers, field trips to businesses for personal observation of methods, facilities, and facts of employment. Miss Fitzgerald and Mrs. Kubacki have attended seminars and workshops in the business field.

To make the classroom learning more effective and realistic, the Business Department has arranged several field trips to varied destinations. Mrs. Jane Kubacki has visited the Eastern Hampden District Court and the Hampden Superior Court with the

Business Law Class and Friendly's with the General Business class. The Secretarial Procedures Class, accompanied by Miss Madeline Fitzgerald, visited the IBM office, Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company and Holyoke Community College.

3. Mathematics Department

A Mathematics workshop was held during the summer involving elementary and Junior-Senior high teachers. The group worked for a better understanding of the work being done at all grade levels. An enrichment program in mathematics for the seventh grade was formulated for use in September, 1974.

In 1974 the Senior high math program was broadened by the addition of a pre-technical mathematics series offering semester courses in basic algebra, slide rule, trigonometry and advanced algebra.

4. English Department

This past summer teachers of the High School English Department met with the teachers from the Elementary School in a workshop to coordinate the offerings of the Elementary Curriculum with that of the English Curriculum in the high school. As a result Transitional Grammar has been phased out in preference to the installation of a Traditional Grammar program for grades 7-10. Elementary students now receive curriculum instruction that is continued and expanded upon in the high school.

The Creative and Comprehensive writing program including bi-monthly penmanship practices (Rinehart Functional Handwriting System) expanded to grades 7-10 last year remains successful and is a continuing part of the curriculum. The English Department has expanded its Departmental Reading Lists for grades 7-12. Each teacher has these lists available for reference and recommended readings. These are intended to eliminate reading repetition and to insure that important authors and their contributions are introduced at the appropriate grade levels. The Lyons and Carnahan Spelling program for grades 7 and 8 is continuing successfully.

The elective program for grades 11 and 12 has been expanded to meet the ever changing needs and interests of our students. Courses added to or expanded upon are Business English, to a full year course, to provide the students with the necessary skills for today's business world, CEEB English, to prepare students for examinations for entrance into colleges and schools of higher learning. It consists of reading comprehension and vocabulary development. This course offered previously outside the curriculum is now a part of the curriculum offerings. Also other courses have been added to the Program of Studies.

The individualized reading program that was adopted for the 8th grade last year was expanded to the 7th grade as well. It was possible for the department to enlist the cooperation of the University of Massachusetts Department of Theatre and the services of Miss Elizabeth Reagan. To this end, the reading program was enlarged to incorporate a curricular theatre course, and a new name of Readers Theatre emerged.

Educational Field Trips are always encouraged and this year the English classes are sponsoring field trips to Stage West and other places of interest.

5. Home Economics

1974 saw more boys in Home Economics: Male enrollment in Home Ec. I and Advanced Foods was up and, in the spring, Home Ec. became the latest fad among junior high boys. Since September, Home Ec. has been required of all junior high students, placing Belchertown ahead of predicted State requirements slated for 1978.

Last fall, a new course, Stitchery, was offered for the first time. Designed to provide instruction in knitting, crochet, patchwork, embroidery and needlepoint, the course was well received by the enrolled students, all of whom recommended it to be offered again.

During the coming year, the junior high program will be continued, as well as Stitchery, Tailoring and Family and Child Care at the high school level. Advanced Foods will have a new name, Basic Foods, in line with the basic concepts taught. Home Ec. I and Home Ec. II will be combined into one course, Introduction to Home Ec., which may be elected for a full year by Freshmen and Sophomores.

6. Science Department

As Science teaching gears itself for the eighties, it becomes more and more obvious that practical experience on an individualized basis is mandatory.

Additional class periods each week continue to be offered in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology. This taxes the teachers over and above the demands placed by regular class work, but the result is in keeping with one of our major goals—to involve students in as much laboratory work as possible as a means toward implementing individual learning activities.

High school students attended the Science and Engineering Symposium at the University of Massachusetts, and participated in several local field trips. Ecology continues to be one of our major themes to help students become more aware of their environment in understanding the energy problem and in learning to survive in a pollution saturated world.

The Junior High classes continue with a small group approach to learning in the Life and Physical sciences. Astronomy and Earth Science are offered to ninth graders and upperclassmen are encouraged to elect either or both on an elective basis. Practical chemistry and household sciences continue to be popular electives with Practicum in Physics being offered for the first time in 1974. The same is true for Research and Human Biology provided on an elective basis for those who desire a second year of Biology.

One additional elective course, Multi-Media-Rama, was given in September. This offering allows students to become familiar with the many applications in business and industry for various kinds of audio-visual media and multimedia presentations.

A workshop in Life Education was sponsored by the Science department and took place during the summer of 1974. The objective was to construct modules in phases of life education to be implemented in a Pilot program in grades 7 and 8 during the current school year.

Wherever possible students continue to be involved in considering curricular change and arriving at specific objectives as a more realistic approach to evaluating science courses.

7. Foreign Language Department

All junior high school students are taking French and Spanish for a period of four weeks each as an introduction to all aspects of foreign language study which they will meet in senior high school.

In meeting students' needs, German I and Latin I have been added to the Foreign Language Curriculum.

The Foreign Language Department continues to use innovative, synchronized audio-visual foreign language series to broaden and facilitate language learning experiences for the students.

All foreign language students attended a Foreign Language Fair at Holyoke Community College where they sampled ethnic delicacies, viewed language films, admired art displays as well as other exhibits, and were given the opportunity to explore the new campus facilities.

8. Music Department.

The Music department in the Jr. Sr. High School continues to improve in all levels of quality instruction and performance. Three student musicians were selected for participation in the Western Mass. District Band and one in the Springfield Youth Symphony Orchestra. Students are currently pursuing studies in the High School leading to the pursuit of music as a vocation. Two have been accepted by a leading music school for under-graduate study in 1976.

The Jr. Sr. High School Band participated in Fair Day, Memorial Day and Veteran's Day parades and continues to serve as the major musical unit for various school activities.

This year again was highlighted with the production of Photo-Musicale II, a multimedia presentation featuring concert band, photography, modern dance and narration. This was a school-community endeavor which resulted in the award of an N.D.E.A. Title III grant of $30,000 which supplied the school with hardware including band instruments, two television record-playback units, photography equipment and various high fidelity components. Title III named Photo-Musicale the only "model project" in the State and therefore received the largest grant. The show toured to Martha's Vineyard in addition to several performances in Belchertown.

For students who express a special interest in music there are courses offered in theory, harmony, composition, orchestration, and music appreciation. Special interest subjects are also available on an approved independent study level.

The music department is again reaching a percentage of the student body that exceeds the national average for this size school. Programs and curriculum are designed to meet the musical needs of every student involved.

The Jr. Sr. High School Chorus has been active since September. They have performed at the Belchertown Mini-Arts Fair and with the School Band in the Christmas Concert. Portions of the chorus performed for the Elderly, the Town Library and sang carols for various private homes during the Christmas Season. Future plans include performance with other school groups, Leeds Veterans Hospital and participation in Photo-Musicale III.

In summary, the Music department is involved in teaching the individual commitment, group function, technique etc. This process results in music—a live, pertinent, stimulating and highly satisfying art.

9. Social Studies Department

The Social Studies Department during the past year has been concentrating on making its students more aware of the changing world they will soon be joining. Special emphasis has been placed in all classes on problems of energy and the environment along with the usual attention to current events. While looking ahead to the future, we have not turned our backs on the past but rather have tried to use history to prepare our students. As an example, a colonial fair was held in the fall as a preparation for further activities in celebration of the nation's bicentennial next year. Many students dressed in period costumes and exhibited crafts they made themselves. Most of these students were part of a field trip that was taken earlier to Old Sturbridge Village where they were given insights into what life was like in early New England.

One new course was introduced this year, American Political Behavior. A.P.B. seeks to supplant the traditional Civics course by taking advantage of new methods and information developed by social scientists. It is hoped that the students will be able to understand and analyze the political phenomena that surround them and affects their everyday lives. It proved to be quite an eventful year to introduce a course of this nature. The elective course Social

Services was continued and in appreciation for the efforts of the BHS Seniors enrolled in this course, the Trustees of the State School invited them to lunch with their advisor Miss Austin. Finally, the department has increased the use of media in their classrooms by having students actively involved in the development of various types of media productions especially slide-sound presentations. These are then saved for the future use of other BHS students.

10. Athletics

The Athletic program at the Junior Senior High School involved more girls and boys than ever before.

This was the fourth year that the girls played in Bi-County League competition in Basketball and Softball. The basketball team placed third with an 8 and 6 season. The softball team placed third with 8 and 4 season. Both teams competed in Western Massachusetts Tournaments with two girls from both teams playing on the Bi-County League All-Star Teams. Even though the Field Hockey Team is not part of league competition, the girls played another 10 game season for the varsity squad, and a 4 game season for the J.V. squad. Many J.V. players substituted for varsity players due to the fact that the opposing school did not have a J.V. squad. All home games were played on Parsons Field. Basketball uniforms were purchased for the J.V. and Varsity teams.

The boys played full varsity and junior varsity schedules in the Bi-County League in soccer, baseball and basketball. The varsity basketball team, for the second year in a row, participated in the Western Massachusetts Basketball State Tournament, Division III.

The boys junior high basketball team also had a full schedule of games. Cross-Country and spring track were also offered on an informal basis and with the purchase of additional track equipment have attracted more students with a desire for and interest in participating.

The athletic school year culminated in the spring with the Annual Sports Awards Banquet sponsored by the Athletic Council. Named most valuable in their respective sports at the banquet were: Bi-County League All-Star trophies; Greg Coache and Greg Clark in Basketball; Cathy Clark and Kathy Lofland in Softball and Basketball. Most Valuable Player trophies were; Sue Mercier—Girls Field Hockey; Kathy Lofland—Girls Basketball and Girls Softball; Chris Opalenik—Boys Soccer; Greg Clark—Boys Basketball; Steve Hennessey—Boys Baseball. Athletic Council trophies were: Steven Hennessey and Sue Whitlock.

11. Physical Education

The Physical Education Department for grades 7-12 continued to up-date its curriculum with the introduction of contract learning as an alternative to physical education classes and the addition of several new activities; golf and archery.

The girls physical education department for grades 7-12 continued in its program to develop fitness and emotional-social stability. This was accomplished through participation in skills and the acquisition of knowledge and understanding in various activities. With the emphasis placed on developing beginning skills on the junior high level and more advanced skills on the high school level, a program was prepared to meet the individual and group needs of the girls. The purchase of three large landing mats makes it possible to enhance the tumbling and gymnastics program and to increase the safety factor.

The concept of contract learning provides an opportunity for students to pursue physical education related activities, outside of school, on a broader spectrum. The activities which the student may become involved are such that they could not be included in the school curriculum. Credit is given for each contract learning activity. Activities participated in so far include: bowling, ballet, horseback riding, roller skating, judo-karate, table tennis, swimming and skiing.

The contract learning program is successful and as of September 1974, has been expanded to include grades 9-12.

12. Industrial Arts

A feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction is abounding in the Industrial Arts area. We have completed the first year of having girls enrolled in the Industrial Arts program. This has proven to be a step in the right direction and well received by students.

The Junior High program on home repairs was a new experience for the students and covered many areas, such as; Woodworking, Metal, Electrical, Plumbing, Masonry, Sheetrocking, Painting and Papering.

The Senior High program has seen an increase in enrollment in the course offerings. Skills in Plastics, Woodworking, Furniture, Silk Screening, Metal Working, Sign Making, Metal Lathe work and some welding are offered. All of these skills are related to the ways and means of the world in which we live.

13. Art Department

A new art curriculum in the senior high was initiated. The new program offers a wider range of media including pottery wheel throwing, serigraphy, photography and graphic design. Courses are designed for both art majors and students with more general interests.

14. Reading Department

The number of Junior High students in the program remains about the same. Often one group is having a lesson presented while others work with self-directing, self-correcting material to get practice in needed area.

Juniors and Seniors are able to take a remedial course if there is approval of need for this. This carries academic credit thus enabling them to get this remedial help which they otherwise would have to forego. Teachers refer students for help in content areas and thus with the cooperation of the content area teacher a program is planned which is suitable to the student. Through the chosen subject matter necessary reading help is incorporated.

In situations where one to one help is needed we have tutorial help available.

15. Audio Visual

Audio-Visual Department has a new television monitor, tape deck, and camera along with portable television equipment added this year. The department's policy on loaning of equipment has been revised and accepted by the School Committee as the official policy. Equipment must be signed for by a member of the School Department after the person has been familiarized with the care and use of equipment.

Extra Curricular Activities, Clubs etc.

Photography Club

During the school year 1973-74, the Photography Club was modified in order to afford our students a more comprehensive range of activities.

Since the Photography Club functions as a part of PhotoMusicale, it will have access to sophisticated photographic and television equipment acquired through a federal grant. The high school darkroom facilities have also been expanded with the addition of a Kodak photographic stabilizer unit, a gift to the students of B.H.S. from the Class of 1974. Our students have utilized the stablizer thus far as a tool for producing prints for local news services. With its safe, fast, convenient and economic operation, and the consistent quality of the prints it produces, the stabilizer is an appreciated addition to our darkroom.

Students who wish to pursue photographic activities will now have a more diverse program that can meet individual interests. There is now curricular instruction in photography available in the art and science departments. The PhotoMusicale program also offers activities in the areas of color slide and documentary photography, cinematography, and television. It is anticipated that more and more students will be able to participate in these areas, since they are curricular and extracurricular in nature, and photographic activities will now take place both during and after the regular school day.

Modern Dance Club

The Modern Dance Club of B.H.S. presented its 8th annual spring concert. The theme of this concert was entitled "There's Dancing Tonight". Junior high school girls participated for the first time in the concert, and two alumnae from the club performed as guest soloists. Four members of the club were also chosen to perform in the second production of PhotoMusicale.

Student Action for Education

This club formerly called the Future Teachers of America is now known as Student Action for Education. Besides the original interest in teaching, their scope of interests includes such areas as school government, community-school projects, political activity, innovative and specialized schools, college seminars, career and international seminars.

Although activity in this group is the smallest in number, it was able to offer two Scholarships last June, each for seventy-five dollars.

Library Activities

The use of the library by entire classes researching a subject with their teacher, and by small groups of students working on a common project, has been increased this year. Expansion of the independent study plan in the upper grades is also reflected in the greater use of the library as a place to study with reference books conveniently near. Many junior high students too appear to be reading on their own for recreation and for classwork.

The library has been especially fortunate this year in the number and excellence of gifts received from friends and townspeople. Also added to the shelves, by purchase, have been several important research tools. Among them are the 1974 **Encyclopedia Britannica** in a completely new and useful format; **Facts on File**, to cover the important years 1972-1976; and a 21-volume encyclopaedic collection of readings in science.

Humanities Club

The Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School Humanities Club has won a number of awards for both community and global services done throughout the year.

With the initiative of some of the clubs' members, the year began with a UNICEF drive. A collection of wrappers from canned goods helped to raise money to feed children in Asia.

Winter brought the club into one of its ecology endeavors. The President's Environmental Merit Award Program, which was involved with ecology studies, kept the club busy for many weeks. The results of the members' hard work were awards of outstanding merit and accomplishment. Thirty-two students received such awards.

Along the ecology line came the week long Earth Week Celebration througout the school and community. Lectures and demonstrations highlighted wise energy use and practical means by which one can aid in the ecology movement.

The Humanities Club's two annual holiday events proved again to be successful. Project "Share" provided food baskets to many citizens of our community to brighten their Thanksgiving, while "Toys for Joy" made a Merry Christmas for many children in Belchertown.

The overwhelming success of these projects came from the great support of our community and The Belchertown Teachers' Association.

National Honor Society

The seventh annual induction of the Aristos Chapter of the National Honor Society was held on Thursday, April 25, 1974. Students, 17 in number, were elected to permanent membership in the N. H. S. The principal address was given by Mr. Joseph Counter, Administrative Director of the Area Mental Health Center.

Student Council

The Student Council once again had a very successful day parking cars on Fair Day. At graduation they awarded a scholarship to Joel Slupnicki. In the fall, as a service to the community, they helped the Belchertown Planning Board in the distributing of street numbers to townspeople.

Political Science Club

The newly-formed Political Science Club was given a tour of the State House by State Representative James Collins in May. The club also conducted a mock election in the fall in which more than 50% of student body accurately forecast the town vote.

Senior Class Activities

Miss Catherine Antonovitch was chosen to represent Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School as the school's D.A.R. representative.

Miss Nancy Dodge was the winner in the annual Betty Crocker Homemaker Award Contest.

The annual Senior Class Trip to Washington, D.C. was made during the spring vacation.

In May the Senior Class play entitled "The All-American" was presented and was most enjoyable as well as successful.

Frederick Stockton received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Foundation.

The Belchertown Jr. Sr. High School Citizen of the Year was Ronald Waite.

American Education Week was observed this year with two separate Open house evenings, one for the Junior High and the other for the High School. This format enables parents to observe students in action as well as meet their teachers and learn more about the school and the studies their sons and daughters are enrolled in.

Those of us who are taxpayers in Belchertown have been fortunate in the last six years because of the drop in the School Tax rate. Although the cost of education has increased in town due to growth in numbers and inflationary costs of services and supplies, the reimbursements from the Commonwealth have offset the increases. However, when the new valuations imposed by this same Commonwealth become effective, our town could be hurt. Another worry is the extremely poor financial condition of Massachusetts. If the Commonwealth lacks funds, the reimbursements to the cities and towns will be the first to suffer. The legislature in Boston keeps adding new mandatory programs but does not make any provisions for financing them. The new law for Children With Special Needs, Chapter 766, took effect September 1, 1974. The intention of the law is excellent. The many, many millions of dollars that are needed to carry out the directives of the law have not been provided. It appears that other reimbursements will be reduced drastically to pay for Chapter 766. If you feel that these mandatory laws are unfair and a burden on the already over-burdened taxpayer, write to your representatives in the state legislature. If you would like the names and addresses of the people to write to, call the Superintendent's **office**.

Respectfully submitted,
John B. Curry, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

School Financial Report

Proposed School Budget July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976

	July 1 1974 to June 30, 1975	**July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976**
Administration	$37,190.	$41,162.
Out of State	200.	200.
Instruction	1,085,707.	1,025,359.
Out of State	700.	1,720.
Other School Services	174,766.	156,151.
Maintenance and Operation	230,864.	281,232.
Fixed Assets	13,393.	19,115.
Programs with Other Schools	53,180.	40,840.
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Total	$1,596,000.	$1,565,579.
Less P. L. 874	-2,821.	-6,044.
	————	————
Balance	$1,593,179.	$1,559,535.

Report of the School Nurse

With the increasing enrollment in the public schools comes the increasing need for preventive health care. The new Chapter 766 Law has enabled every child between the ages of three and twenty-one with a learning disability to obtain a comprehensive evaluation, including a home assessment and thorough medical examination, and receive the schooling necessary to his needs.

Vision and hearing screening was performed on all the students with fifty-seven referrals to private physicians sent home. Four hundred twenty-one school physicals were performed on K, 4, 7 and 11th grades students by our school physician Kenneth Collard, M.D. Sports physicals were given to all students participating in extra-curricular activities in the Junior-Senior High School.

Immunization clinics were held throughout the year. These clinics, open to all townspeople and free of cost, were held in conjunction with the Belchertown Board of Health and Dr. Kenneth Collard. A polio booster clinic was held in March. In May a multi-immunization clinic was held to update pre-schoolers on their shots. Polio, measles, mumps, German measles and diptheria, pertusis and tetanus (DPT) immunizations were offered. This clinic was extremely well attended and we hope to offer another one this spring. Two follow-up DPT clinics were held in June and July. In October a Mantoux Clinic was held for school employees. All volunteer parents were checked for tuberculosis in the fall.

The majority of my time is spent evaluating and managing emergency situations, counseling students, staff and parents, and promoting health education in the schools.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Ayers, R.N.
School Nurse

Pathfinder Regional School Committee

It is our privilege to present the following report which represents the activities of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical High School District Committee over the past year. The Committee is pleased to report a year of steady progress in the development of curriculum, the selection and maintenance of a high calibre faculty, the further equipping and furnishing of the building, and the expansion of student activities.

Now in its second year of operation, Pathfinder enrolls 395 students in 10 vocational areas.

Grade	**9**	**10**	**11**	**12**	**P.G.**
Agribusiness	15	11	10	5	0
Automotive	15	18	12	2	2
Carpentry	17	23	18	1	2
Clothing	11	13	4	0	1
Cosmetology	0	5	13	6	2
Culinary Arts	14	10	8	5	0
Drafting	8	9	2	2	0
Electricity	15	19	14	7	1
Health	14	4	5	6	1
Machine Shop	12	15	8	5	1

An enrollment increase of 185 students was accompanied by the addition of 13 new teachers as well as two members of the administrative staff. The school now employs 37 teachers, 2 guidance counselors, an administrator of special education and 3 central office administrators.

Among the new academic programs offered during the 1974-1975 school year were chemistry, physics, anatomy and physiology, biology, contemporary affairs and reading. An electronics program was instituted to accommodate a growing interest in that field.

Responding to the concerns outlined under Chapter 766, Pathfinder appointed a staff member in special education; the school is prepared to implement all requirements of that legislation and frequently does so in cooperation with schools and personnel from the member towns. Students with special needs who may benefit from vocational programs have been placed into suitable shop, related and academic courses.

Interscholastic athletics included varsity teams in soccer, cross country, basketball and baseball. Programs for girls included competition in basketball and softball and were complemented by a cheerleading squad. The four classes, along with the student council, have begun to play an active part in school affairs and each organization has developed a full schedule of activities.

Notable among the school's new ventures has been the encouragement of student projects as learning experiences. Not only have these projects enhanced the school building and grounds, but they have also saved many tax dollars in the member towns through such contributions as the addition to the New Braintree fire house. Each of these projects has provided real and practical work experience and has reinforced the school's belief in encouraging students toward making a positive contribution to society.

Pathfinder students have excelled in displays of their accomplishments. The culinary arts students have won praise by preparing and serving large dinners for area school personnel, and they have opened their Tea Room to public groups twice weekly. Displays from all shop areas have been constructed throughout the school and have shown townspeople the type of training available at Pathfinder. Students and teachers have been eager to assist town departments in a variety of construction, maintenance and repair tasks.

An important factor in the development of programs at Pathfinder has been the school's success in securing federal and state grants. The School Committee has encouraged this search for funds by the administration and has been gratified by the $55,000 in federal monies obtained through proposals this year.

The latter portion of the 1973-1974 school year was highlighted by an open house attended by 3500 persons followed by a dedication program featuring guest speakers Representative Alexander Lolas and Senator Frederick Schlosstein and a representative of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. During the year the school hosted several groups of school committees, principals, superintendents and guidance directors. An evening school attended by over 300 citizens began and included courses in trade preparatory skills, evening practical arts, and high school equivalency. A day-long open house for students interested in Pathfinder was scheduled for February.

At the beginning of the current academic year,the School Committee completed its organization of an administrative team consisting of newly appointed Superintendent-Director Gerald L. Paist, Principal Raymond Avery and Administrative Assistant Michael Fitzpatrick. Mr. Avery had served the school as Acting Superintendent-Director during the initial year and over the summer.

In looking toward the future, the Committee is appreciative of the growing support for the school from townspeople in the four town region. They continue their dedication to the philosophy that the school shall provide an alternative educational opportunity to any student in the district who demonstrates a willingness and commitment to profit from a program in vocational education.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald L. Paist, Ed.D.
Superintendent-Director
David A. Staples
School Committee Representative
Town of Belchertown

Town Election March 4, 1974

Office Name	Prec. A	Prec. B	Totals
Moderator, 1 year			
*Charles W. Jackson	1079	170	1249
Blanks	225	38	263
	1304	208	1512
Town Clerk, 1 year			
*Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	1144	182	1326
Blanks	160	26	186
	1304	208	1512
Tax Collector, 3 years			
*Carl J. Peterson, Jr.	1116	183	1299
Blanks	188	25	213
	1304	208	1512
Selectmen, 3 years			
Andrew T. Sears	470	107	577
*William Gerry Whitlock	641	89	730
Richard K. Cook	521	76	597
*Peter M. Dearness	612	93	705
Blanks	364	51	415
	2608	416	3024
School Committee, 3 years			
*Richard D. Pratt	630	107	737
George B. Jackson	350	43	393
H. Thomas McKelligott	215	32	247
Blanks	109	26	135
	1304	208	1512
Planning Board, 5 years			
*Stanford J. Harrington	926	158	1084
Peter M. Dearness	1	0	1
Blanks	377	50	427
	1304	208	1512
Planning Board, 2 years			
*William M. Cary, Jr.	1002	167	1169
Blanks	302	41	343
	1304	208	1512
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years			
*Daniel W. MacPhee	1057	169	1226
Blanks	247	39	286
	1304	208	1512
Assessor, 3 years			
Isaac A. Hodgen	204	64	268
*Edward O. Lofland	886	127	1013
Blanks	214	17	231
	1304	208	1512
Housing Authority, 5 years			
*Sophia M. Pero	1042	174	1216
Blanks	262	34	296
	1304	208	1512
Tree Warden, 1 year			
*Albert W. Brown	1106	186	1292
Bruce C. Smith	1	0	1
Blanks	197	22	219
	1304	208	1512
Sewer Commissioner, 3 years			
*Alfred P. Atwood	1074	176	1250
Blanks	230	32	262
	1304	208	1512
Board of Health, 3 years			
*Linda H. Snow	1048	173	1221
Blanks	256	35	291
	1304	208	1512
Board of Health, 2 years			
*John P. Bay	1017	171	1188
Blanks	287	37	324
	1304	208	1512
Votes cast on March 4, 1974	1304	208	1512
Registered voters at Belchertown			
Republican	506	50	556
Democrat	570	121	691
Independent	1247	182	1429
	2323	353	2676

A True Copy, Attest:

Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING held March 11, 1974

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Registered voters present—83 (Quorum required—25)
Meeting called to order at 7:15 P.M.

ARTICLE I. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $32,988.00, $4,190.00 for the Town's apportioned share and $28,808.00 for the State's apportioned share, for Chapter 81 Highways, pending reimbursement under the provisions of Chapter 497, Acts of 1971.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 7:18 P.M.

A True Copy, Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
held March 11, 1974

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Registered voters present—180 (Quorum required—25)
Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Invocation given by Rev. George R. Bach.

William H. Squires, Jr., Chairman, Board of Selectmen, read portions of the Memorial Dedication printed in the Annual Town Report in respect to the late Isaac A. Hodgen and Doris S. Squires, following which the Town Meeting members stood in a moment of silent tribute.

Outstanding Citizen Award was presented to Louise C. Wadsworth in recognition of her services to the youth of the community, by William Gerry Whitlock, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Moderator Charles W. Jackson, for the benefit of new voters, briefly outlined the parliamentary procedure to be followed at the Town Meeting.

Art. I. Nominated and elected Mrs. Janet L. Wood and Mrs. Virginia M. Hislop as Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Mrs. Rachel G. Shumway as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. II. Voted to accept the reports of the Officers of the Town, excepting the report of the Finance Committee, and including the following interim reports: 1) Building Committee—Plans for Highway Garage, as presented by James Boyko, 2) Citizens Advisory Committee, as presented by Stephen Lanphear, 3) Historical Commission, as given by Gerald Tremaine.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. III. Voted to appropriate to the Clapp Memorial Library the sum of $310.82, the dog license refunds of 1973.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. IV. Voted to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not to exceed the following: Assessors—$3.50, Cemetery Commissioners—3.50, Sewer Commissioners—3.50, Tree Warden—3.50.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. V. Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 1140, Section 20, Acts of 1973, of the Massachusetts General Laws, relative to the State Highway Distribution Fund.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. VI. Voted to accept the provisions of Chapter 1140, Section 22, Acts of 1973, of the Massachusetts General Laws, relative to the State Highway Distribution Fund.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. VII. Voted to appropriate from General Laws, Chapter 1140, Section 22, Acts of 1973, the sum of $72,322.00 to the Highways Maintenance Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. VIII. Voted to appropriate from General Laws, Chapter 1140, Section 22, Acts of 1973, the sum of $3,240.00 to the Police Department Wage Account for the purpose of paying the wages of the school crossing guards.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. IX. Voted to appropriate the sum of $60,808.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, the sum of $11,000.00 is to be appropriated from General Laws, Chapter 1140, Section 20, Acts of 1973, for the Town's apportioned share and the balance thereof $49,808.00 is to be borrowed by the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, under General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 6A, pending reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 497, Acts of 1971.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. X. Voted to appropriate the sum of $36,000.00 for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, the sum of $9,000.00 is to be appropriated from General Laws, Chapter 1140, Section 22, Acts of 1973, for the Town's apportioned share and the balance thereof $27,000.00 is to be borrowed by the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, under General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 6A, pending reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 497, Acts of 1971.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000.00 for the improvements of the following streets, all public ways: Summit Street, Ludlow Road, Gulf Road, Sabin Street, Wilson Road, Bardwell Street, Green Avenue pending reimbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 497, Acts of 1971.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $3,600.00 to purchase and equip a new police cruiser.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XIII. Voted to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $3,400.00 to purchase and equip a new pickup truck for the Highway Department.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XIV. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $13,200.00 to purchase and equip a new dump truck for the Highway Department.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XV. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1974, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XVI. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $400.00 to the Conservation Fund for the use of the Conservation Commission.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XVII. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $2,000.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XVIII. Voted to rescind the action taken at the Annual Town Meeting March 12, 1973, Article XXV, in which the Town voted to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the sum of $40,000.00 to purchase and equip a new Fire Truck.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XIX. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing, Entitlement Period 4) the sum of $40,000.00 to purchase and equip a new Fire Truck.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XX. Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, money for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for these purposes as specifically designated under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XX. (a) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $121,062.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

Art. XX. (b) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $95,983.00 for Protection of Persons and Property, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XX. (c) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $70,896.00 for Health and Sanitation, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XX. (d) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $124,504.00 for Highways and Sidewalks, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XX. (e) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $23,000.00 for the Veterans' Department, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XX. (f) Voted to appropriate the sum of $1,596,000.00 to defray the following itemized expenses of the School Department: Administration—37,190.00, Administration-Out-of-State-Travel—200.00, Instruction—1,085,707.00, Instruction-Out-of-State Travel—700.00, Other School Services—174,766.00, Operation and Maintenance—230,864.00, Fixed Assets—13,393.00, Programs with Other Schools—53,180.00 and to meet said appropriation the sum of $2,821.00 is to be appropriated from unexpended funds in the Public Law Account #874 and the balance thereof to wit: $1,593,179.00 is to be raised by taxation.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XX. (g) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $8,024.00 for the Clapp Memorial Library, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XX. (h) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $17,085.00 for Parks, Beach and Recreation, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XX. (i) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,100.00 for Cemeteries, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XX. (j) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $71,875.00 for Pensions and Insurance, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Voted—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XX. (k) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $17,600.00 for Unclassified Items, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XX. (l) Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $69,765.00 for Maturing Dept and Interest, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXI. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $132,627.83 to pay the Town's apportioned share of the operating and maintenance budget of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXII. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $37,091.90 to pay the Town's apportioned share of the capital budget of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXIII. On the Article—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing, Entitlement Periods 1, 3, 4, and 5) a sum of money to erect and equip a Municipal Highway Garage on Town property recently acquired pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 400, Acts of 1973, in conformity with plans and specifications on file in the office of the Board of Selectmen, or take any action relative thereto, **it was voted to take no action on this article.**

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXIV. On the Motion that the Town amend the Zoning By-Laws by adding the Section VI-C entitled "Parking Requirements", after the word "constructed", the following words: "converted, renovated, or increased by units or dimensions, and/or altered in any manner whatsoever", **the vote was 41 yes, 71 no. The motion did not carry.**

(Vote—Majority No)

Art. XXV. Voted to name that section of road lying northerly of Lamson Avenue which commences and terminated at the 1972 alteration and relocation of Bay Road, and which was formerly known as/and a part of Bay Road, to Old Bay Road.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXVI. Voted to name that former section of road known as Bay Road, before the 1972 alteration and relocation of Bay Road, and lying between a point where Lamson Avenue meets the said 1972 alteration and relocation of Bay Road and the northerly point of Stebbins Street, to Old Bay Road.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXVII. Voted to re-name that section of road known as Jabish Street lying between the southwesterly side of Ware Road, so-called, also known as Route 9 and a point where said Jabish Street meets a heretofore unnamed road, which unnamed runs from said Jabish Street to said Ware Road, so-called, to Old Enfield Road.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXVIII. Voted to name a heretofore unnamed way which lies between the southeasterly side of Jabish Street and the southwesterly side of Jabish Street and the southwesterly side of Ware Road, so-called, also known as Route 9, to Jabish Street.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXIX. Voted to accept the provisions of Section 22D of Chapter 40 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.), as amended, so as to provide the Board of Selectmen with the authority to establish, adopt, amend, alter or repeal rules and regulations, with such limitations as may be proper, for the removal to some convenient place any vehicle parked or standing on any part of any way under the control of the town in such a manner as to impede, in any way, the removal or plowing of snow or ice; or in violation of any rule or regulation which prohibits the parking or standing of all vehicles on such ways or portions thereof, which rules and regulations so adopted shall be administered through the chief of police or such sergeants or other officers of higher rank in the police department as the chief may from time to time designate.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXX. Voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of not less than five (5) nor more than seven (7) members for the purpose of making a survey and thorough study of all available land in the Town for the purpose of recommending the purchase of an amount of land of sufficient acreage for future construction of a school building or buildings. Said committee shall report at the next annual town meeting together with its recommendations for action by the Town.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

(The original motion was unanimously amended to exclude the phrase "none of whom occupy administrative positions in Town Government" which came between "seven (7) members" and "for the purpose".)

Art. XXXI. Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $120,000.00 for use by the Assessors, to reduce the tax rate.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXXII. On the Article-To have the Town pay a subsidiary or additional rate in addition to the payment of the per cent of a premium for contributory group life and health insurance for employees in the service of the Town and their dependents, **it was voted to take no action on this article.**

(Vote—Majority Yes)

Art. XXXIII. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum not to exceed $8,000.00 to cover the cost of the installation of warning lights and road reconstruction in connection therewith at the railroad crossing located on Springfield Road, and to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $800.00, which is 10% of the total, to allow for said borrowing.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXXIV. Voted to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three (3) citizens who reside outside the Water District to investigate the advisability of procuring a water supply for the Town and to work with a like committee from the Water District to investigate the advisability of incorporating the Water District into the Town Government.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Art. XXXV. Voted to amend Article 1, Section 1, of the Town By-Laws, as amended by the Annual Town Meeting of February 8, 1960, which states: Effective with the year 1961, the annual town meeting for the election of officers to be held on the first Monday in March of each year; annual town meeting for appropriations to be held on the second Monday in March of each year, to read: Effective with year 1975, the annual town meeting for appropriations to be held on the first Monday in April of each year; annual town meeting for the election of officers to be held on the second Monday in April of each year.

(Vote—Over 2/3 Yes)

(On the basis of voice vote, a definite majority voted yes with only one opposed. Moderator then ruled on basis of standing vote that over 2/3 were in favor.)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 10:26 p.m.

Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

APPROPRIATIONS VOTED BY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
held March 11, 1974

Article Number	Budget or Dept.	Raised	Available	Free Cash	Fed. Revenue Sharing
1.	None				
2.	None				
3.	Clapp Memorial Library		310.82		
4.	None				
5.	None				
6.	None				
7.	Highway Maint. Account		72,322.00		
8.	Police Dept. Wage Acc't. School Crossing Guards		3,240.00		
9.	Chap. 90 Highways Constr.		60,808.00	(11,000. av'l.,	49,808. borrow)
10.	Chap. 90 Highways Maint.		36,000.00	(9,000. av'l.,	27,000. borrow)
11.	Public Ways, Sundry Improvements (7)	15,000.00			
12.	Police Cruiser			3,600.00	
13.	Pickup Truck-Highway Dept.		3,400.00		
14.	Dump Truck-Highway Dept.			13,200.00	
15.	None				
16.	Conservation Fund			400.00	
17.	Assessors-Legal Counsel			2,000.00	
18.	Rescinding Action of Town Meeting 3/12/73 thereby releasing encumbrance of $40,000 on Stabilization Fund.				
19.	Fire Truck				40,000.00 (Ent. 4)
20.	Itemized Budgets				
	(a) General Government				

1. Moderator, Expense	25.00
2. Finance Committee, Expense	200.00
3. Selectmen, Salaries	
(Chmn 1200.00 4 @ 1000.00)	5,200.00
Expenses	4,000.00
4. Accountant & Administrative	
Secretary, Salary	7,800.00
Assistant Accountant, Salary	5,900.00
Wages	300.00
Expenses	900.00
Out-of-state travel	200.00
5. Treasurer, Salary	3,706.00
Asst. Treasurer, Salary	3,104.00
Full time office help, Salary	2,621.00
Part time, Wage	500.00
Expenses	2,345.00
6. Clerk, Salary	1,848.00
Asst. Clerk, Salary	1,552.00
Full time office help, Salary	1,310.00
Part time, Wage	200.00
Expenses	1,768.00
7. Collector, Salary	3,938.00
Asst. Collector, Salary	3,104.00
Full time office help, Salary	2,621.00
Part time, Wage	500.00
Expenses	2,880.00
8. Assessors*, Salaries	2,100.00
*(Chmn 800.00, 2 @ 650.00)	
Wages	17,000.00
Expenses	5,150.00
9. Law Account, Expenses	4,000.00
10. Election & Registration	7,000.00
11. Planning Board, Salary	7,280.00
Wages	2,720.00
Expenses	5,800.00
12. Municipal Buildings	
A. Lawrence Memorial Hall	4,650.00
B. Town Garage	4,000.00
C. Old Town Hall	3,000.00
D. Town Common	1,540.00
E. Town Clock	300.00
(b) Protection of Persons & Property	
13. Police Department, Chief Salary	10,489.00
Patrolman Salary	7,800.00
Wages	35,504.00
Expenses	12,000.00
14. Fire Department, Chief Salary	800.00
Wages	3,250.00
Expenses	6,500.00
15. Hydrant Service	4,500.00
16. Water Storage Holes	300.00
17. Sealer of Weights & Measures	405.00
18. Wiring Inspector	1,400.00
19. Conservation Commission	275.00
20. Civil Defense, Salary	350.00
Expense	260.00

21. Tree Warden, Wages	2,000.00	
Expenses	1,400.00	
22. Insect Pest Control, Wages	100.00	
Expenses	1,350.00	
23. Dutch Elm Disease, Wages	2,000.00	
Expenses	1,000.00	
24. Board of Appeals	300.00	
25. Dog Officer, Expense	1,000.00	
(c) Health & Sanitation		
26. Board of Health, Salaries (Chmn 179.00, 2 @ 116.00)	411.00	
Wages	2,500.00	
Expenses	6,335.00	
27. Sewer Maintenance, Salaries (Chmn. 250.00, 2 @ 200.00)	650.00	
Expenses	39,000.00	
28. Town Dump	22,000.00	
(d) Highways & Sidewalks		
29. Highways General	38,200.00	
30. Highway Supt., Salary	11,100.00	
31. Highway Road Machinery Expenses	14,000.00	
32. Highways—Sick Leave	3,500.00	
33. Highways—Vacation	2,704.00	
34. Bridges	3,000.00	
35. Snow Removal	40,000.00	
36. Sidewalk Maintenance	1,000.00	
37. Street Lighting	11,000.00	
(e) Veterans Department, Salary	1,070.00	
38. Veterans Dept., Benefits	21,520.00	
Expenses	410.00	
(f) School Department		
39. Schools:		
#1000 Administration	37,190.00	
Out-of-state travel	200.00	
#2000 Instruction	1,082,886.00	2,821.00 (P.L. 874)
Out-of-state travel	700.00	
#3000 Other School Services	174,766.00	
#4000 Operation & Maintenance	230,864.00	
#7000 Fixed Assets	13,393.00	
#9000 Programs with other Schools	53,180.00	
Transferred to #2000 Instruction	0	
(g) Clapp Memorial Library		
40. Clapp Memorial Library, Wages	5,650.00	
Expenses	2,374.00	
(h) Parks & Recreation		
41. Parks, Summer Recreation & Beach, Salary	7,280.00	
Wages	6,035.00	
Expenses	3,770.00	
(i) Cemeteries,		
42. Cemeteries, Salaries (3 @ 200.00)	600.00	
Wages	1,400.00	
General Care Expense	7,900.00	
Veterans Graves Expense	200.00	

(j) Insurance & Pensions		
43. Pensions, Town Employees	23,547.00	
44. Insurance, General	29,400.00	
Health (Town Share)	17,894.00	
Life (Town Share)	1,034.00	
(k) Unclassified		
45. Unclassified Items:		
A. Patriotic Exercises	300.00	
B. Printing Town Report	3,000.00	
C. Rental of American Legion	400.00	
D. Unclassified	1,900.00	
E. Reserve Fund	12,000.00	
(l) Maturing Debt & Interest		
46. Maturing Debt & Interest		
1949 Sewer Loans, Principal	1,000.00	
1963 School Loan, Principal	45,000.00	
1949 Sewer Loans, Interest	12.50	
1963 School Loan, Interest	13,252.50	
Temporary Short-Term Notes, Interest	10,500.00	
21. Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District-Operating & Maintenance Budget	132,627.83	
22. Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District-Capital Budget	37,091.90	
23. None		
24. None		
25. None		
26. None		
27. None		
28. None		
29. None		
30. None		
31. To reduce the tax rate, Assessors		120,000.00
32. None		
33. Railroad Crossing Lights-Springfield Rd.		800.00
34. None		
35. None		

Cols 1 & 2 Totals	2,407,792.73	178,901.82	(inc. 76,808. to borrow)
Cols 3 & 4 Totals			140,000.00 40,000.00

Raised and Appropriated	$2,407,792.73	
Available	178,901.82	(includes $2,821.00 & (76,808. to P.L. 874) be borrowed)
Free Cash	140,000.00	
Federal Revenue Sharing Entitlement Period #4	40,000.00	
Grand Totals	$2,766,694.55	(includes borrowing)
Grand Total excluding amount to be borrowed—	$2,689,886.55.	

Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
held April 8, 1974

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Registered voters present—100 (Quorum required—25)
Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.

ARTICLE I. Voted to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $1,500.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE II. Voted to appropriate from the Planning Board Wage Account the sum of $1,500.00 to the Planning Board Expense Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE III. Voted to appropriate from the Police Department Wage Account the sum of $3,000.00 to the Police Department Expense Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE IV. Voted to appropriate from the State Aid to Libraries Account the sum of $1,113.00 to the Clapp Memorial Library Expense Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE V. Voted to appropriate from the Assessor's Wage Account the sum of $1,000.00 to the Assessor's Expense Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VI. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing, Entitlement Periods 1, 2, 3, and 4) the sum of $1,495.00, $295.00 from Entitlement Period 1, $435.00 from Entitlement Period 11, $280.00 from Entitlement Period 111, and $485.00 from Entitlement Period IV, to the Ambulance Training Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VII. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to institute a Forestry Management Plan for the woodland area within the Sanitary Landfill Area of the Town of Belchertown, which Forestry Management Plan would allow the necessary and systematic removal and cutting of trees and sale of said timber to third parties, the proceeds from which shall be deposited in the Town treasury.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

(At 8:12 p.m. it was voted to adjourn the meeting until the completion of the Warrant for the Special Meeting called for 8 p.m.)

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

(At 8:21 p.m. it was voted to reconvene.)

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

ARTICLE VIII. Voted to appropriate from Public Law #92-512 (Federal Revenue Sharing, Entitlement Periods 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5) the sum of $189,600.00, $1,000.00 from Entitlement Period 1, $1,000.00 from Entitlement Period II, $43,000.00 from Entitlement Period III, $83,777.00 from Entitlement Period IV, and $60,823.00 from Entitlement Period V, to erect and equip a Municipal Highway Garage on Town property recently acquired pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 400, Acts of 1973, in conformity with plans and specifications on file in the Office of the Board of Selectmen.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
held April 8, 1974

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Registered voters present—105 (Quorum required—25)
Meeting called to order at 8:13 p.m. upon adjourment of Special Town Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. for Fiscal 1974 business.

Article I. Voted to appropriate $2,226.00 to the Clapp Memorial Library Expense Account and to meet said appropriation $1,113.00 is to be appropriated from the State Aid to Libraries Account and the balance thereof $1,113.00 is to be raised by taxation.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article II. Voted to appropriate from Chapter 1140, Section 20, Acts of 1973 the sum of $3,695.37, which is the balance of the cost of the installation of warning lights and road reconstruction in connection therewith at the railroad crossing located on Bardwell Street, in lieu of borrowing as authorized in Article XXX of the Annual Town Meeting of March 12, 1973.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article III. Voted to appropriate from Chapter 1140, Section 20, Acts of 1973 the sum of $5,900.00, which is the balance of the cost of the installation of warning lights and road reconstruction in connection therewith at the railroad crossing located on Springfield Road, in lieu of borrowing as authorized in Article XXXIII of the Annual Town Meeting of March 11, 1974.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
held May 28, 1974

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson
Registered voters present-401 (Quorum required—25)
Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m. following a delay of ten minutes to provide additional time for Board of Registrars to check names of voters entering the Hall.
The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant.
Voted to change the order of voting on the Articles in

the Warrant in order to first consider Article II.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article II. Voted to appropriate from the Parks, Beach and Recreation Wage Account the sum of $700.00 to the Parsons Field House Fund Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article I. Voted to amend the official Zoning Map by deleting from the Agricultural District the following described land and including the same within the Industrial District:

Beginning at a point on the southerly side of U.S. Route 202 at land of Print Works Mill Store, Inc., thence southerly along land of Print Works Mill Store, Inc., land of D. Donald and Irene H. Hazen and land of Gerald E. Weiss a distance of about 1,715 feet, thence northeasterly along land of said Weiss a distance of about 95 feet, thence southwesterly along land of said Weiss a distance of about 370 feet, thence southerly along land of said Weiss a distance of about 865 feet to the northerly side of Springfield Road, thence southwesterly along the northerly side of Springfield Road a distance of about 295 feet to land now or formerly of Clarence Robinson, thence northerly along land of said Robinson and land now or formerly of Richard D. Ramadon a distance of about 1,960 feet, thence northerly by a curve to the right whose radius is 5,762.65 feet along land of said Ramadon an arc distance of about 820 feet, thence northerly along land of said Ramadon a distance of about 310 feet to the southerly side of U.S. Route 202, thence easterly along the southerly side of U.S. Route 202 a distance of about 170 feet to the point of beginning.

(Following the motion and second on Article I, it was voted to vote on the Article by secret ballot.)

(Vote—Majority Yes)

(Vote—Article I—Yes-268; No-112;
Required for 2/3—253).

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

STATE PRIMARY
September 10, 1974

DEMOCRATS

Name Office	**Prec. A**	**Prec. B**	**Total**
Governor			
Michael S. Dukakis	174	25	199
Robert H. Quinn	84	27	111
Blanks	5	1	6
Total	263	53	316
Lt. Governor			
Eva B. Hester	43	6	49
Christopher A. Iannella	14	0	14
John Pierce Lynch	109	30	139
Thomas P. O'Neill, III	56	5	61
Thomas Martin Sullivan	27	5	32
Blanks	14	7	21
Total	263	53	316
Attorney General			
Francis X. Bellotti	97	21	118
Barry T. Hannon	1	1	2
Edward F. Harrington	24	2	26
Edward M. O'Brien	83	14	97
S. Lester Ralph	8	0	8
George L. Sacco	35	10	45
Blanks	15	5	20
Total	263	53	316
Secretary			
John F.X. Davoren	142	31	173
Paul H. Guzzi	96	15	111
Blanks	25	7	32
Total	263	53	316
Treasurer			
Robert Q. Crane	155	28	183
Charles Mark Furcolo	84	19	103
Blanks	24	6	30
Total	263	53	316
Auditor			
Thaddeus Buczko	194	43	237
Blanks	69	10	79
Total	263	53	316
Congressman (1st Dist.)			
Thomas R. Manning	90	13	103
Kenneth R. Mosakowski	148	35	183
Blanks	25	5	30
Total	263	53	316
Councillor, (7th Dist.)			
Donald J. Bongovio	20	3	23
John A. Cormier	34	4	38
John T. Fitzpatrick	39	3	42

Charles J. O'Connor, Jr.	54	13	67
Raymond J. Salmon	27	15	42
Leo J. Turo	29	5	34
Blanks	60	10	70
Total	263	53	316
Senator, (Worc.-Franklin-Hampden & Hampshire Dist.)			
Frederic W. Schlosstein, Jr.	196	43	239
Blanks	67	10	77
Total	263	53	316
Rep. in General Court 3rd Hampshire Dist.)			
James R. Nolen	123	31	154
David J. Cook	41	13	54
T. David Heffron	77	8	85
Blanks	22	1	23
Total	263	53	316
District Attorney, (Northwestern District)			
John M. Callahan	210	41	251
Blanks	53	12	65
Total	263	53	316
County Commissioner, (Hampshire County)			
David B. Musante, Jr.	201	41	242
Blanks	62	12	74
Total	263	53	316
Sheriff (Hampshire County)			
John F. Boyle	195	39	234
Blanks	68	14	82
Total	263	53	316

Registered Democrats Precinct A	513
Registered Democrats Precinct B	118
	631
Voted 9/10/74 Precinct A	263
Voted 9/10/74 Precinct B	53
	316

REPUBLICAN

Name Office	**Prec. A.**	**Prec. B**	**Total**
Governor			
Francis W. Sargent	78	8	86
Carroll P. Sheehan	53	5	58
Blanks	3	1	4
Total	134	14	148
Lt. Governor			
Donald R. Dwight	118	8	126
Blanks	16	6	22
Total	134	14	148
Attorney General			
Charles C. Cabot, Jr.	40	3	43
William I. Cowin	28	2	30
Josiah A. Spaulding	52	7	59
Blanks	14	2	16
Total	134	14	148
Secretary			
John M. Quinlan	106	8	114
Blanks	28	6	34
Total	134	14	148
Treasurer			
(No candidate	0	0	0
Blanks	134	14	148
Total	134	14	148
Auditor			
(No candidate)	0	0	0
Blanks	134	14	148
Total	134	14	148
Congressman (1st Dist.)			
Silvio O. Conte	105	12	117
Blanks	29	2	31
Total	134	14	148
Councillor (7th Dist.)			
Wayne M. Thomas	84	8	92
Blanks	50	6	56
Total	134	14	148

(Write-ins)

Senator (Worc.-Franklin-Hampden-Hampshire District)			
Frederic W. Schlosstein, Jr.	1	0	1
Mae R. Juda	2	0	2

Blanks	131	14	145
Total	134	14	148

Rep. in General Court
(3rd Hampshire District)

(No candidate)	0	0	0
Blanks	134	14	148
Total	134	14	148

District Attorney
(Northwestern District)

(No candidate)	0	0	0
Blanks	134	14	148
Total	134	14	148

County Commissioner
(Hampshire County)

(No candidate)	0	0	0
Blanks	134	14	148
Total	134	14	148

Sheriff (Hampshire County)

(No Candidate)	0	0	0
Blanks	134	14	148
Total	134	14	148

Registered Republicans Precinct A	481
Registered Republicans Precinct B	45
	526
Voted 9/10/74 Precinct A	134
Voted 9/10/74 Precinct B	14
	148

Registered Voters at Belchertown

	Prec. A	Prec. B	Total
Democrat	513	118	631
Republican	481	45	526
Independent	1187	171	1358
Totals	2181	334	2515

Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN AT THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING held September 23, 1974

Moderator—Charles W. Jackson

Registered voters present—161 (Quorum required—25)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk read the Return of the Warrant

Article I. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the treasury the sum of $48,586.00 to cover the additional cost to erect and equip a Municipal Highway Garage as authorized by Article VIII of the Special Town Meeting of April 8, 1974, for Fiscal 1974.

(Vote—Majority Yes)

Article II. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the treasury the sum of $150,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article III. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell a 1953 Dodge Fire Truck to the Belchertown Firefighter's Association for the sum of $1.00.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article IV. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law in the following prescribed manner: (1) Under Section II, entitled "DEFINITIONS" previous to the subsection beginning with the word "DWELLING", insert "A". (2) Under Section II, entitled "DEFINITIONS", add the following subsection: "B. Street—an accepted municipal way (Town, County, or State), or a way shown on a definitive plan of a subdivision of land which has been approved by the Planning Board and is on file at the Registry of Deeds."

(Vote—Yes 88, No 7, Required for 2/3-63)

Article V. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law in the following prescribed manner: Under Section V, entitled "INTENSITY REGULATIONS", and under footnote (f), prior to the words "in the case of a corner lot" insert the following: "Except as herein specified, no structure shall be constructed or used on a lot having less frontage than the prescribed minimum lot frontage. Such lot frontage shall be measured uninterrupted along the street right-of-way line on which the lot abuts."

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article VI. Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law in the following prescribed manner: Under Section VI, entitled "GENERAL REGULATIONS" and under subsection A, entitled "Non-conforming Uses", delete subparagraph 3, and in its place insert the following: "3. Extension or Addition. No increase in the extent of the non-conforming use of a structure or land may be made except as herein specified: (a) Where the proposed physical extension or addition will comply with the front, side, and rear yard setback requirements and the minimum lot coverage requirement, as set forth in Section V, as amended, provided that any physical extension or addition shall be made for residential or agricultural use or purposes only."

(Vote—Yes 107, No. 5; Required for 2/3-74)

(The original motion made by John J. Sullivan, III, Chairman of the Planning Board, followed the exact wording of the Warrant Article from which had been inadvertently omitted by the typist the phrase "and the minimum lot coverage requirement". This was called to the attention of the meeting by the Administrative Assistant of the Planning Board. Mr. Sullivan then requested permission from the Moderator to withdraw the motion and second, and upon hearing no refusal from the Town Meeting assembly, the Moderator granted this privilege. A motion then introduced by a voter to take no action failed to carry. Chairman Sullivan restated the motion as voted under this Article.

Article VII. Voted to adopt as the "Official Zoning Map" of the Town of Belchertown, a map showing Zoning Districts prepared by Almer Huntley Jr. and Associates, Inc., dated May, 1974, scale: 1" = 1000'; said map being a revision of a map prepared for the Belchertown Planning Board by T.S. Bacon, Planning Consultant, dated September, 1961.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article VIII. On the Article to amend the Official Zoning Map by deleting from the Residential District a section of land on the easterly side of North Main Street and southerly side of the State Highway known as Route #9, and including the same within the Business District, **it was voted to take no action on this article.**

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article IX. On the Motion that the Town appropriate from Free Cash in the treasury the sum of $50,000.00 to be used by the Assessors to revalue all real and personal property in the Town of Belchertown, **the vote was 24 yes, 100 no. The motion did not carry.**

Article X. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the treasury the following sums of money, which total $671.26, for bills incurred in Fiscal 1973-74, and in calendar 1972:

George Foster	$144.00
Jonathan Sears	65.00
Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency, Inc.	91.57
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	7.23
Sears, Roebuck and Co.	159.47
Three Rivers Outlet Inc.	60.88
Palmer Journal Register	3.74
Belchertown Sentinel	31.00
Holyoke Transcript-Telegram Publishing Co., Inc.	9.10
Metallic Ladder Manufacturing Corp.	78.84
Educators Publishing Service, Inc.	18.24
Elder Lumber Corp.	2.19

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Article XI. Voted to appropriate from Free Cash in the treasury the sum of $2,500.00 to the Collector's Part-time Wage Account.

(Vote—Unanimous Yes)

Voted to dissolve this meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

State Election November 5, 1974

Polls opened in both Precincts A & B
at 8:00 A.M. and closed at 8:00 P.M.

Office Name		**Prec. A**	**Prec. B**	**Total**
Governor & Lt. Governor (Elect 1)				
Sargent & Dwight	Rep.	460	33	493
Dukakis & O'Neill	Dem.	815	152	967
Gurewitz & Bivins	Soc. Workers	37	0	37
Kahian & Greco	Amer. Party	38	13	51
Blanks		17	1	18
Totals		1367	199	1566
Attorney General (Elect 1)				
Francis X. Bellotti	Dem.	641	147	788
Josiah A. Spaulding	Rep.	677	44	721
Jeanne Lafferty	Soc. Workers	35	5	40
Blanks		14	3	17
Totals		1367	199	1566
Secretary (Elect 1)				
Paul H. Guzzi	Dem.	725	135	860
John M. Quinlan	Rep.	597	54	651
Blanks		45	10	55
Totals		1367	199	1566
Treasurer (Elect 1)				
Robert Q. Crane	Dem.	1092	169	1261
Blanks		275	30	305
Totals		1367	199	1566
Auditor (Elect 1)				
Thaddeus Buczko	Dem.	1062	165	1227
Blanks		305	34	339
Totals		1367	199	1566
Congressman (1st Dist.) (Elect 1)				
Silvio O. Conte	Rep.	912	86	998

Thomas R. Manning	Dem.	423	106	529
Blanks		32	7	39
Totals		1367	199	1566

Councillor (7th Dist.) (Elect 1)

Wayne M. Thomas	Rep.	509	50	559
Leo J. Turo	Dem.	684	134	818
Blanks		174	15	189
Totals		1367	199	1566

Senator (Worcester, Franklin, Hampden, & Hampshire Dist.) (Elect 1)

Frederic W. Schlosstein, Jr.	Dem.	1067	168	1235
Blanks		300	31	331
Totals		1367	199	1566

Representative in General Court (Elect 1) (Third Hampshire Dist.)

James R. Nolan	Dem.	697	119	816
Michael B. Jastrzebski	Ind.	593	72	665
Blanks		77	8	85
Totals		1367	199	1566

District Attorney (Northwestern Dist.) (Elect 1)

John M. Callahan	Dem.	1069	170	1239
Blanks		298	29	327
Totals		1367	199	1566

County Commissioner (Hampshire County) (Elect 1)

David B. Musante, Jr.	Dem.	1054	162	1216
Blanks		313	37	350
Totals		1367	199	1566

Sheriff (Hampshire County) (Elect 1)

John F. Boyle	Dem.	1073	173	1246
Blanks		294	26	320
Totals		1367	199	1566

Question #1 (Amend constitution?)

	Yes	800	94	894
	No	333	51	384
Blanks		234	54	288
Totals		1367	199	1566

Question #2 (Amend constitution?)

	Yes	894	98	992
	No	268	42	310
Blanks		205	59	264
Totals		1367	199	1566

Question #3 (Amend constitution?)

	Yes	682	83	765
	No	442	56	498
Blanks		243	60	303
Totals		1367	199	1566

Question #4 (Amend constitution?) (Proposed by initiative petition)

	Yes	577	59	636
	No	555	81	636
Blanks		235	59	294
Totals		1367	199	1566

Question #5 (Law proposed by	Yes	743	99	842
initiative petition)	No	373	40	413
Blanks		251	60	311
Totals		1367	199	1566

Question #6 (Dept. Health	Yes	901	131	1032
Systems Regulations?)	No	273	23	296
Blanks		193	45	238
Totals		1367	199	1566

Question #7	Yes	865	146	1011
(Betting-Horse Races?)	No	360	26	386
Blanks		142	27	169
Totals		1367	199	1566

Question #7	Yes	736	131	867
(Betting-Dog Races?)	No	442	31	473
Blanks		189	37	226
Totals		1367	199	1566

Number of Ballots Cast November 5, 1974:

Precinct A	1367
Precinct B	199
Town Total (59% voted)	1566

Registered voters as of November 5, 1974

	Prec. A	Prec. B	Total
Republican	494	48	542
Democrat	601	127	728
Independent	1200	164	1364
Totals	2295	339	2634

Attest:
Carl J. Peterson, Jr.
Town Clerk

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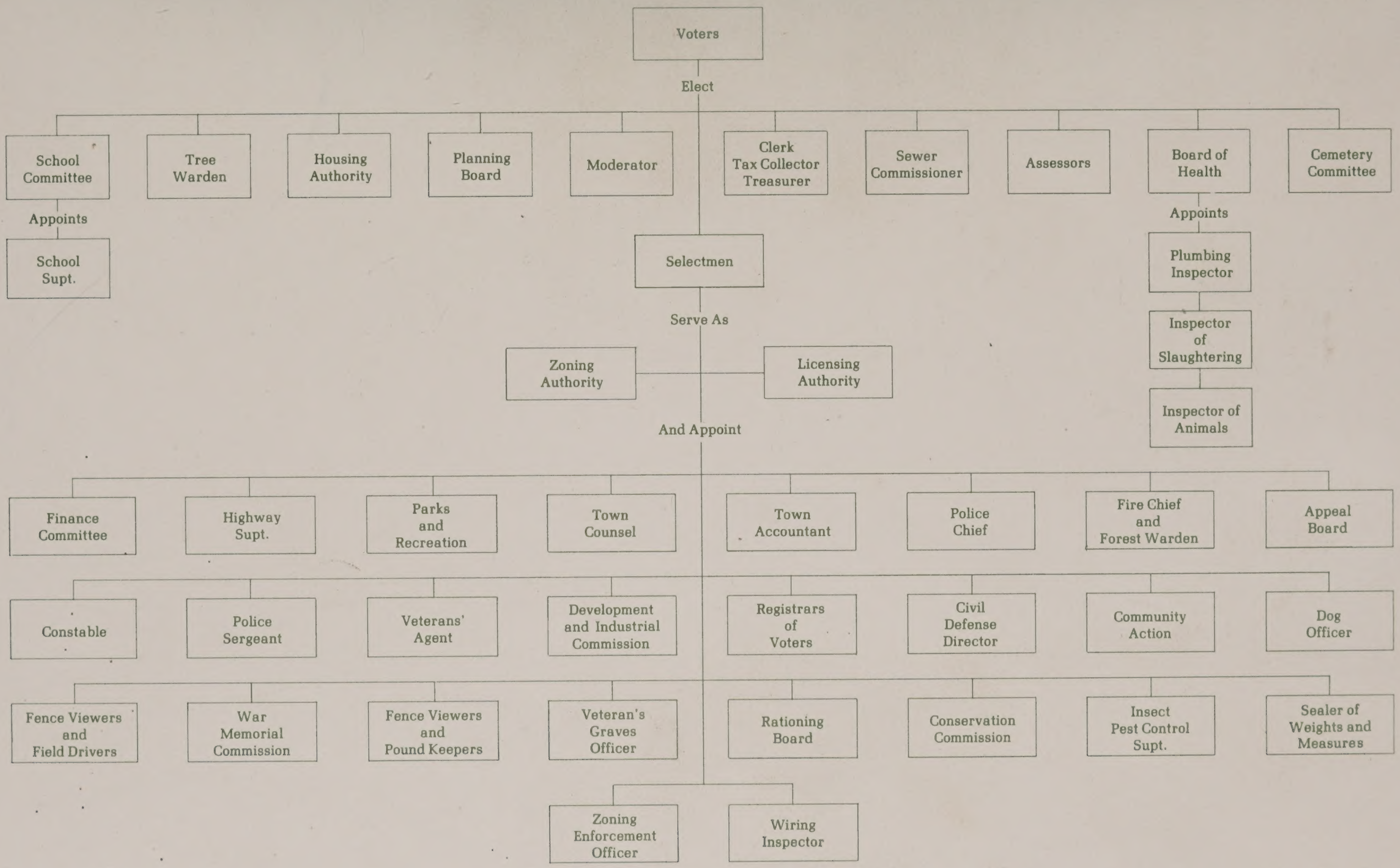
Voters
Elect
School Committee
Appoints
School Supt.
Tree Warden
Housing Authority
Planning Board
Moderator
Clerk Tax Collector Treasurer
Sewer Commissioner
Assessors
Board of Health
Appoints
Plumbing Inspector
Inspector of Slaughtering
Inspector of Animals
Cemetery Committee
Selectmen
Serve As
Zoning Authority
Licensing Authority
And Appoint
Finance Committee
Highway Supt.
Parks and Recreation
Town Counsel
Town Accountant
Police Chief
Fire Chief and Forest Warden
Appeal Board
Constable
Police Sergeant
Veterans' Agent
Development and Industrial Commission
Registrars of Voters
Civil Defense Director
Community Action
Dog Officer
Fence Viewers and Field Drivers
War Memorial Commission
Fence Viewers and Pound Keepers
Veteran's Graves Officer
Rationing Board
Conservation Commission
Insect Pest Control Supt.
Sealer of Weights and Measures
Zoning Enforcement Officer
Wiring Inspector